

# Party members asked for approval in attempt to curb dissidents

By JILL SHERMAN POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

TONY BLAIR is to ballot every member of his party on his general election manifesto in an unprecedenied move to prevent a Labour government running into internal trouble that could damage its chances of survival.

Mr Blair disclosed yesterday that all 365.000 members would be consulted next autumn in a referendum on a draft manifesto setting out Labour's priorities for the first years of government. The manifesto will then be fine-tuned in the weeks before the election.

The paper will not include detailed tax proposals - to be unveiled just before a general but any spending election pledges will be costed alongside plans to switch resources from existing programmes.

Mr Blair is determined to go into the campaign with a clear party mandate for the controversial policies he has introduced in his efforts to modernise the party. He hopes that mass support for the plans will bind the party together and protect him from damaging recriminations should he win power.

Previous Labour governments, including the Callaghan adminis-

tration after the winter of discontent in 1979, were brought down because they could not satisfy the demands of the uninns and activists and Mr Blair is determined to prevent a repeat.

The referendum is one of the biggest consultation exercises ever mounted, mirroring last year's Clause Four ballot when Mr Blair won resounding backing for his plans to change the party's

constitution. Each member will be able to vote for or against the document, but there will be no provision to amend

parts of the manifesto. Trade unionists will not be balloted unless they are full party members, and the exercise will inevitably seen as another attempt to limit the powers of the unions even though they will be able to vote on the programme at this year's party conference. Some union leaders yesterday derided the ballot as irrelevant.

But the idea has the overwhelming support of the party's national executive and Mr Blair said: "For the first time a poliocal party will be entering a general election with

its programme for government voted upon by its party members. "This will give the party an opportunity actively to pledge their support for the Labour programme for government. It will nail forever any doubt that we are anything

other than new Labour. He was speaking at the launch of a document, The Road to the Manifesto, outlining the four main pillars on which policy will be built: economic opportunity in a world of increasing insecurity; a one-nation society with a reformed welfare state; political change with de-

volved power and a modern constitution and leadership in Europe.

Over the past year Mr Blair has presided over a number of policy changes, including plans to withdraw benchit from workshy youngsters, a retreat from plans for a mandatory training levy and a softening of the party's opposition to grant-maintained schools and GP fundholding.

Many of these are to be detailed in separate policy papers, which will be culled in June to form the basis of the early manifesto draft that will go to the party conference

in October and the national ballot a few weeks later.

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Leadership sources are confident that Mr Blair will get backing for the programme, but they are worried that there could be a low turnout in the referendum. They believe that at least 70 per cent of members need to take part, with a high vote in favour, for Mr Blair to

be able to claim a mandate. While a defeat is unlikely, some MPs expressed concern that the ballot will be on the combined policies, rather than individual proposals, which could prompt members to reject the package.

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# **Shephard backs** sixth-form exam reforms

### By John O'Leary and David Charter

GILLIAN SHEPHARD yesterday signalled the biggest shake-up in sixth-form study for more than 40 years when she ordered a tightening of Alevel standards and introduced a qualifications framework linking vocational and academic courses.

Accepting a raft of recommendations from a year-long review by Sir Ron Dearing, the Education and Employ-ment Secretary announced an

tions, outlined last week. David Blunkett, Shadow Education and Employment Secretary, said: "The new national framework for qualifications will offer clarity and coherence to employers and parents. The current system is confusing and complex."

Mr Blunkett said the Government should have ensured vocational qualifications met the same standards as A levels



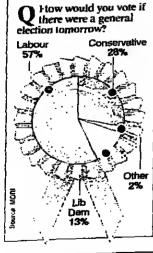
**Support** for **Tories firm** in spite of BSE row BY PETER RIDDELL

SUPPORT for the Tories has held up in the first opinion poll published since the beef row erupted. But Labour and Tony Blair continue to enjoy their highest ratings since last July, according to the latest MORJ poll for The Times. The poll, undertaken between last Friday and this Monday, shows that the To-Eries are now on 28 per cent, two points higher than a ago when the party

was hit by the arguments over the Scott report. This is the same level as at the New Year. Fears over beef have not yet had an adverse impact on their ratings. Support for Labour has

been unchanged over the past month at 57 per cent, the highest level since July. Mr Blair's personal rating is also the highest since then. The public is satisfied with his performance by a two-to-one margin. Liberal Democrat support has slipped one point to 13 per cent, though Paddy Ashdown's personal rating remains positive.

MORI interviewed 1,910 adults face-to-face at 143 ward sampling points across Britain between March 22 to 25. Data were weighted to match the profile of the populotion. Voting intention figures exclude those who say they would not vote (9 per cent), are undecided (9 pcr cent) or who refuse to name o party (3 per cent).



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Handbags away: New uniforms being modelled yesterday by sailors Penny Taylor and Neil Morris and below, the old-style bell-bottoms

Naval flare-up saves bell-bottoms

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

ROYAL Navy bell-bottom trouforms said straight trousers sers have been saved by an looked too ordinary and deoutcry in the Senior Service that manded their flares back. was so great female sailors will Female ratings who currently

now wear them as well. But the new rule means that for the first time, they will not be allowed to carry handbags. After a review of all naval

uniforms, female ratings - no longer officially called Wrens -will wear the same traditional flared trousers and square rig tops as their male counterparts. more handbags," he said. The reprieve for bell-bottoms

was ordered despite a decision cers are to be formally entitled to by the naval review team to wear a kilt in the wardroom. swap flares for straight trouser The Scottish ancestry of Admiral Sir Jock Slater, the First Sea legs because it thought the Lord, may have played a part in winning recognition for the kilt. wider bonoms smacked of 70s styles. However, sailors used as The Navy Board said the pracguinea pigs for the new uni-

tice of wearing the kilt was "harmless, colourful and supported by several very senior officers" Trials are also to be launched

wear a double-breasted jacket and either trousers or skirts, to replace the gold lace in depending on whether they are officers' sleeves and on their aboard ship or ashore, will now caps with a synthetic material. wear the square rig outfit. It will One item which was scrapped more than 20 years ago has been be tailored to "fit the lemale form", according to Cnmmandrevived: a black silk scarf worn by naval gunners to absorb the er David Hobbs, who led the review. "And there will be no sweat of battle is to be included in the new outfits. The silk scarves date back to 1540, but in Among other changes, offia 1970 clothing review they were replaced by a pullover which had a silk facing in the collar.

Bell-bottoms were first worn in 1857 and survived despite fashion changes until the 1970s, when slightly more modest

flares were introduced. The bell-bottoms were 20 inches wide, covering the boot and swinging in the wind as sailors came down the sations

gangplank. The new flared trouser will be 18-20 inches wide, which compares with the average civilian trouser of between 16 inches and 18 inches.

The old bell-bottoms were designed principally to enable the sailor to roll them up in the days when seamen scrubbed the decks in their bare feet. They were also easier to remove if a man fell overboard. The concertina pleats also

made it easy for seamen to fold their bell-bonoms neatly and stow them away.

eight-point programme of immediate action. Some reforms will be launched before the end of next year.

Among the innovations will be a national diploma encompassing academic and workqualifications, for related which students will have to study at least four different courses. Higher-level vocational qualifications will be renamed Applied A Levels in an attempt to raise their status.

Labour said last night many of Sir Ron's proposals echoed its own plans for qualifica-

before changing their names. He added: "We have argued that advanced GNVQs needed to improve before earning the title applied A level. The Government should insist on the same degree of rigour." Mrs Shephard told MPs that Britain's international competitiveness and future

prosperity demanded a higher level of qualifications. The package of measures derived from Sir Ron's 200 recommendations would ensure rigour Continued on page 2. col 3

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# 'New-style' CJD case reported in France as beef ban is confirmed

### BY BEN MACINTYRE, RICHARD OWEN PHILIP WEBSTER AND ARTHUR LEATHLEY

carried out to see if the FRENCH victim of Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease may circumstances of the death were idenoical to those linked have died of the same strain of with "mad cow" disease in the illness as the Bridsh patients whose cases have Britain. French government officials been linked to "mad cow" have hitherto maintained that

disease, it was reported no case of CJD in France could yesterday. be linked to the new strain of The deaths of five Italians the disease, but the scientists from CJD were also disclosed carrying out tests in the Lyons for the first time yesterday and case refused to comment until doctors said they believed that two others had been killed by

the brain disorder.

Le Monde reported. The

pagent, who has not been

identified, was one of two

people aged under 40 diag-

nosed with the disease this

the post-mortem examinadon was complete. French health officials insisted, however. France has about 50 cases of that neither of the young CID each year, but the young patients was believed to have victim in Lyons was the first to contracted CJD through eathave shown the same new symptoms as the British cases,

ing beef. At least two of the Italian victims were older, but the cases came to light only because of the public alarm that has seen the meat market collapse. Supermarkets and

"Help! It's spreading quicker than we

butchers said that beef sales were down by 30 per cent and still falling, and the head of the Italian Butchers' Federation accused the media of "informarion terrorism".

expected"

last night and released their Leading importers praised the quality of British beef, veal and lamb and complained 150 caprives. The EgyptAir Airbus A320 was seized en route to Cairo. Egyptian sources said the that Britain was being unfairhijackers claimed to be carryly targeted. Others suggested ing a message from God for Egypt's President Mubarak and President Clinton. that Bridsh beef was being smuggled across European borders with fraudulent Irish certificates.

Similar reports were circu-Fine and ban for lating in France, where naove meat is now tagged with red, white and blue flags declaring former minister that it has been reared on Sir Nicholas Scott, the former vegetable feed. Merchants still minister for the disabled, was reported a 30 per cent drop in sales and wholesalers said fined £450 and banned from driving for 12 months after he that orders had fallen by 60 per cent in spite of the unilateral boycon of British beef imposed by many countries last week and the formal export ban confirmed by the

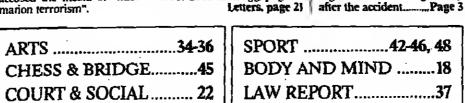
ieft an accident where a young child's pushchair was trapped between cars. He was also ordered to pay £450 costs. The Conservative MP for Chelsea was said to have emerged from the shunt as if he were in a trance. Sir

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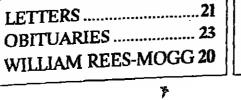
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Hijackers who forced an Egyptian aircraft to fly from Luxor to Libya surrendered

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### **HOME NEWS**

# With the right cause, a revolting backbencher is no laughing stock

To anyone who has served as a Government backbencher (as for seven years I did) - those plankton of the parliamentary food-chain - the Labour leader's proposals for an internal referendum (to make his party's election manifesto binding on Labour MPs) are of real significance.

Along with many fellowcandidates, I never read Conservative Party manifestos in full. They were long and turgid documents whose general drift we knew. On the whole we supported them but called me an idiot but nobody

we reserved the right to dis-agree with individual ele-

any obligation to our manifes-to. Whips, however, would ments within. suggest to potential rebels that If these were important the electorate had sent us to issues we would have felt Westminster as Conservatives some obligation to tell our constituency chairman, but certainly not to inform Conservative Central Office or the party leadership. Smaller disagreements

did and damned if you didn't. Some would praise you for were rarely raised until they your independence. Others came to a Commons vote. I would forewarn the whips of would tell you that they had my anxieties. For example, I not voted Conservative to have you vote against Tory refused to support the Assisted Places scheme. The whips measures in the Commons. Both bad a point. Any Gov-

suggested that I had broken



and we should think very hard before acting in any the pull of each argument other way. Among constituwithin his own head and ents you were damned if you heart. The truth (and I knew it) was that all but a handful of the twenty-odd thousand who voted for a monkey, so long as il sported a blue rosette. It was the Tory programme (or what they had voted. Only a minor-

ernment backbencher has felt ity knew or cared much about

But still I persuaded myself, as all backbenchers do, that I owed my constituents some kind of duty to use my own voted for me would have judgment. I also persuaded myself that I owed the parliamentary party the same duty; and that I might dissent from they took it to be for which a plank in the party's raft of policies without ceasing to be

a Conservative or losing my moral right to stand as one. How did 1 reconcile that with the undoubted fact that my mandate from West Derbyshire was the Thatcher mandate, not the Parris one? In part it was a matter of selfrespect. The backbencher needs to feel his presence matters. He needs to feel too. that be also represents the many who did not vote for him. There is an element of irrationality here, but it remains emotionally important to backbenchers.

More rational was the argu-

ALAN WELLER

ment that it was important to my party that its leadership must carn our support. and could never sleep certain in the knowledge that it would

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keep it. To belong to a party among whose MPs there were lively and continuing disagreements about important matters was a source of pride to me and (I supposed) healthy for the party. The knowledge that I must

justify for myself to my constituents my own Commons votes kept me arguing my corner within the party, rather

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When whips urged "the manifesto" on me 1 acknowledged the great force of this argument, and it nearly always prevailed. But I never thought it always must and nor really did they, whalever they pretended. This was one tiny lever I had in an otherwise unequal struggle. Between telling me lovalty counted and telling me I bad no right in any circumstances

to rebel, there seemed, and still seems, a small but important difference.

# Shephard to broaden autonomy for schools

### BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

transport.

to give all schools more power to run their own affairs and to select more pupils on grounds of ability, leading eventually to the establishment of more grammar schools, will be promised today by the Education Secretary.

In a move that ministers believe will kill lingering suspictors of a rift between her-self and the Prime Minister, Gillian Shephard will an-nounce that a White Paper setting out firm proposals for the extension of self-government in schools is to be published in June.

The White Paper will also cover the controversial area of selection. Mrs Shephard is expected to suggest that all schools should consider whether their admission policies best match the needs of their area. The paper will fuel suggestions that the Government is trying to reduce the number of comprehensives.

Outlining plans that could take the Government nearer to its objective of a big increase in the number of opt-out schools, Mrs Shephard will make plain in a speech that she wants to extend self-government in all schools, those run by local authorities as well as those

that are grant-maintained. She wants all schools to ave as mu

WIDE-RANGING proposals example in areas such as At the same time she will

pledge that all schools that want to select more of their pupils should be able to do so. Ministers are already increasing from 10 to 15 per cent the proportion of pupils a school can select without seeking government approval; the White Paper is likely to raise the prospect of this being

increased to 20 per cent. In remarks that will be seen as backing an increase in the number of grammar schools, Mrs Shephard will speak of wanting to encourage all schools to build on their strengths and establish dis-

tinctive identities. Her announcement will be followed up by John Major in his speech to the Conservative Central Council in Harrogate on Saturday. He is expected to underline to the Tory faithful that there are no differences between himself and his Edu-

cation Secretary over the de-sire for more self-government and selection in schools. There have been persistent suggestions that Mr Major wants to move faster than the Education Department on opting out and selection. While making plain that she

is opposed to a return of the universal II-plus, which she undo many o



Mrs Shephard with Sir Ron yesterday after he had presented his plans to inject more quality into education

# Sixth-form study shake-up ordered

Continued from page I and quality at a crucial stage of education. The Governwith the boards a year later. She has also asked the School Curriculum and Assessment ment's action plan demands Authority to produce meaproposals by the end of the year to safeguard A-level stan-dards and reduce inconsistensures to increase the take-up of science and mathematics courses beyond the age of 16. New ooe-year AS levels will allow teenagers to study a cies between different subjects and examining boards. Re-search commissioned by Sir Ron found that some subjects. broad range of four, five or six subjects when they enter the sixth form. They will be encouraged to make one of including English and business studies, attracted signifi-

these an AS level course oo

chief executive, said: "Sir Ron bas found a way which we believe will protect standards. at the same time as increasing the scope for broader pre-

university education." University lecturers were sceptical about school pupils taking their courses. David Triesman, general secretary of the Association of University Teachers, said: "The idea that some sixth formers could acquire sufficient undergradte credits to com

levels and the creation of a single National Certificate. However, the association had "serious reservations" about the proposed national diploma at advanced level, which it said was too demanding to be left as a voluntary option

The Royal Society was among organisations which lobbied for a greater emphasis on core skills to broaden young people's achievements eased they featured

prominently in the review. Sir

John Horlock, the society's

### FO loses NEWS IN BRIEFS works of art round the world

BY NIGEL WILLIAMSON WHITEHALL CORRESPONDENT

THE Foreign Office has lost more than 200 works of art from the Government collection. The disclosure comes after an official report earlier this month that criticised the Ministry of Defence for losing 205 works, one fifth of its collection.

The Heritage Department has confirmed that 200 works of art are missing from 356 FO buildings around the world and another 14 from FO premises in Britain. Six of the works were lost during the emergency evacuations of British embassies in Belgrade and Baghdad. It was not clear last night how the other 214 items had gone missing. The Department of the Environment has lost 49 works, Trade and Industry 22 and the Department of Health 18. Customs and Excise has also lost 18 pictures from the government collection. Six items are missing from the Cabinet Office.

Richard Mottram, perma-nent secretary at the Ministry of Defence, came under fire from both Conservative and Labour MPs on the Public Accounts Committee over a report from the National Audit Office which disclosed that the ministry had been unable to locate large numbers of works in its E5 million collection.

Mr Mottram described the difficulties of keeping track of works of art. "When officers or officials move into a room and they baven't liked the pictures, InterCity East Coast. they pass them on to others. ev move from job to job and take the pictures with them. Once that happens three or four times it is impossible to know where they are." New regulations mean that service personnel. civil servants and even ministers will in future be asked to sign personally for whatever is

**Gulf War** syndrome inquiry Medical experts investigating Gulf War syndrome for the Ministry of Defence are to

study claims that hundreds of veterans of the 1991 war may have suffered neurological damage after being given a mixture of anti-nerve gas vaccines and tablets. A new programme of MoD

research will follow the work of Dr Goran Jamal, who reported yesterday in the Journol of Neurology, Neurosurgery and Psychiatry that 14 Gulf War veterans suffering from a range of illnesses showed evidence of nervous system dysfunction compared with a similar group of healthy civilians.

### Journalist backed

The right of journalists to protect sources was upbeld by the European Court of Human Rights. The court found that the Government had . breached the European Convention on Human Rights in the case of Bill Goodwin, a trainee on The Engineer who was fined £5,000 for refusing to name a contact.

Leading article, page 21 Rail service sold

### The London to Edinburgh InterCity train service, made famous by the Flying Scotsman, has been sold to Sea Containers. The company, which operates the Orient & Express and cross-Channel services, has been confirmed the successful bidder in the auction to run the £250million-a-year franchise for

**Ulster** protest

sible over their budgets, possibly raising from 85 per cent to 100 per cent the proportion of budgets "delegated" to them.

Existing grant-maintained schools will be given more freedom in the way they operate and develop, adding to the attraction of GM status. In particular the Government will examine ways of freeing them further from the pursestrings of local authorities, for

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the gains made in bringing diversity and choice to the state sector. Mrs Shenhard's speech is intended to lay such suggestions to rest. Some Tory MPs are known to be irritated that the Prime

Minister's Downing Street stein and Shakespeare". policy unit has been floating radical policy ideas whose said she expects to see some disclosure has undermined improvements by September Mrs Shephard's attempts to 1997, with the full implemenmove at a more sensible pace. tation of a programme agreed

TICCS. cation and team working, George Turnbull, for the Southern Examining Group. demanded by employers. denied A-level standards had The Confederation of Britslipped, and said it would not ish Industry said it would have liked Sir Ron to go further and made key skills be easy to ensure exact parity between different subjects. "It part of every A level. The Committee of Vice- Chancelis not easy to compare Einlors and Principals agreed However, Mrs Shephard some students would benefit from the chance to take university course units while still at school. Diana Warwick, its

cantly higher grades than

degree in two years is totally unrealistic. Even if it were possible, it is by no means obvious that it would be desirable." Head teachers said Sir Ron's review would make

sense of the current "jungle" of qualifications. The Nalional Association of Head Teachers particularky wel-comed the re-naming of advanced GNVQs as applied A

vice-president, also hailed the drive to improve mathematics and science education. "Urging all schools to spend a full 20 per cent of curriculum time at 14 to 16 on science is a position we support entirely."

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Conservatives in Northern Ireland have written in protest to John Major after being told they would not be allowed to contest the elections to all-party talks in the Province. They have accused the Government of disenfranchising the 45,000 people in Northern Ireland who voted Tory at the general election. Letters, page 21

French CJD case Now free calls and Continued from page I European Commission yesterone second billing. day. That led to urgent talks Brussels between London and Brussels on an EU support package for measures that are expected to include the slaughter of hundreds of thousands of older dairy cattle - which could cost £3 billion in compensation () PIONEER FREE 50 MINUTES over the five years it could take to get "mad cow" disease out of GSM MODEL PCC-D500. PER MONTH the system. CALLS IN MARCH, APRIL & MAY 100 name/number Ministers agreed yesterday that the main priority was to rebuild public confidence in 60 mins talk-time beef, but Downing Street nev-ertheless criticised the export 11 hrs standby-time ONE SECOND BILLING - YOU Complete with super-slim ban as disproportionate and Nicad battery and fast only pay for the airtime you use Weight approx 195g FREE ACCESSORIES - in-car ODAFONE PERSONALWORLD adaptor/charger and leather Crasecties £35.25 (£30 + VAT) case, together worth over £50 Nonthly Rantal £17.63 (£15+YAT) ٢ Peek Into Calk 35.25p per min (38p+VAT) 13 ieu . BEST COMERAGE - with digital en rest cals 11.75p per min (10p+VAT) PersonalWorld posit times are 7 00-19 00 Maps in Fit. Mandatory licrologi billing will be charged at EL.77 in: VKT per month. Line ventral (abbited monthly in advance) and antimor charges and an electrical for your composited cellif./charge or Data cant. Calls charged in 1 percent units. (<u>1</u>) (<u>2 11</u>) (<u>3 11</u>) call clarity and security (4 m) (5 m) (5 m

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confirmed that John Major was likely to raise the issue with fellow heads of government at the Turin summit tomorrow. Douglas Hogg, the Minister of Agriculture, suggested that Britain might take the Commission to the European Court of Justice, but he admitlate'." ted that that could take months and was not an immediste solution to the problem. He said the Government was working as speedily as it could to put together a package of measures for which EU help would be available. Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary, meanwhile finally abandoned the Government's position that it was prepared to adhere to scientific advice

that culling was unnecessary. Yesterday the argument moved. The issue is no longer a question of the safety of British beef." he said. "The question now is a matter of consumer confidence. It is one thing to have a safe product, it is another to command confidence in the market place." Mr Hogg and Mr Dorrell had earlier both faced heavy criticism from Tory MPs during a four-hour joint session of the Commons health and agriculture select committees.

Edward Leigh accused them of contradicting each other over a cull, while David Congdon and William Powell called for more specific informadon about the risk of contracting CJD from BSE-infected offal. They complained that scientists' assurance that the risk was "extremely low" was

unhelpful. Mr Leigh said that Mr Dorrell had hinted heavily that partial cull could be

expected, but Mr Hogg had denied suggestions of a selec-"Because these questions

are not being answered today. what this committee will be faced with is an inability to do its job properly." Mr Leigh said. "There will be a statement made to Parliament about some kind of partial slaughter policy, but then up will jump [BSE experts] who will say this is far too little, too

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CORRECTIONS

Contrary to our report March 21) Mr Duncan Walker, consultant cardiothoracic surgeon, Leeds, did not himself allege bribery against a colleague. Acting on advice from the General Medical Council, he merely passed on what he had been told on the telephone about a colleague to the Yorkshire Regional Health Authority solicitor. the Chief Rabbi, Dr Jonathan Sacks (report, March 21) was delivered at the Manchester Business School. Cadbury's chocolate fingers (report. yesterday) do not contain any beef products.

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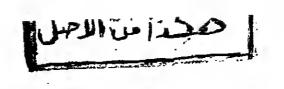
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# Chelsea MP admits drink-driving Sir Nicholas Scott banned from road for leaving crash

#### BY MICHAEL HORSNEL

STR Nicholas Scott, the former Minister for the Disabled, was fined £450 and banned from driving for 12 months after he left an accident where a child's pushchair was trapped between cars. He was also ordered to pay prosecution costs of £450.

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The Conservative MP for Chelsea was said to have emerged from the three-car shunt as if he were in a trance. Sir Nicholas, 62, drank up to three glasses of white wine when he made a speech at a party in his west London constituency before the accident

Sir Nicholas admined drink-driving but denied failing to stop after the accident in Sydney Street, Chelsea,

Ruger Davies. supendiary magistrate at Horseferry Road Court, central London, found that the MP had failed to remain at the scene after driving his red Volvo into another parked Volvo which hit the buggy and trapped it against a Jaguar. In the pushchair was

Thibault Perreard, aged three years and eleven months, the son ol a Swiss banker.

Yves Perreard, 37, who was with his wife, told the court that he shouted "stop, stop" and waved his arms at the car that caused the accident. After rescuing his son he was un-able to find the driver. His son was crying. In attempting to free the boy from the trapped

buggy he twisted his ankle. Sir Nicholas said that he walked 400 yards to the local constituency association headquarters to telephone emergency services, leaving Patricia Sill-Johnstone, his secretary, to take care of

maners. He did not leave his car he could get no response. name with anybody because "The defendant looked like somebody who had had tho much to drink. He looked like he assumed everyone knew

who he was. The magistrate interrupted he was about to go to sleep. the MP's evidence to query why he had walked 400 yards His eyes were closing." Michele Palmiera, a me to make his call when he could chanic from east London who have stopped at a public was driving past, told the telephone or at restaurants on court that a woman at the the way. Sir Nicholas failed to tele-

scene was verbally abusing people. She allegedly called Mr Perreard "French scum" and phone from his headquarters because the building was closed. Without stopping at the scene of the accident, he asked the crowd that had gathered to disperse at once. then walked to the home of his Sir Nicholas told the court that after returning from con-

doctor. There he drank a glass of stituency headquarters he was whisky offered to him while a on his way back to the scene of call was made to police telling the accident but realised there officers where he could be was commotion and turmoil A woman was shouting: "Lock him up, lock him up." He did interviewed. A blood test revealed 98

milligrams of alcohol to 100 not wish to inflame the crowd millilitres of blood, the limit by returning. thought it was bener for being 80 milligrams. Dean Ramsey, a local resi-

me not to hang around, not dent who was taking a walk, least because of this woman's said that when he knocked on the window of Sir Nicholas's

behaviour which was increas-ingly erratic," he said. The magistrate told Sir Nicholas: "You had no idea at that stage of the damage that might have been caused to the cars or what possible harm might have occurred to the child. There was an obligation for you to remain on the spot for a period of time. That you failed to do." Sir Nicholas, as Minister for the Disabled, had a public

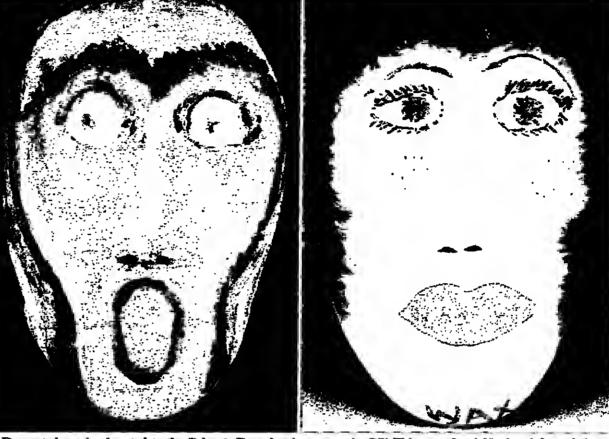
fallout with his daughter Victoria after he admitted he misled MPs when he denied that his department had been involved in tactics designed to kill the Disability Bill in 1994.

known to everyone

Victoria, a lobbyist for dis-abled rights, denounced her father and supported calls for

him to resign.





Decorated masks donated to the Prince's Trust by the cartoonist Bill Tidy, top, Lord Healey, left, and the comedian Ruby Wax. Hundreds of celebrities were sent plain, white masks to decorate however they chose. A selection is on display at Olympia until tomorrow. The full collection will be auctioned in November

### HOME NEWS 3

### **BBC** wins deal for Potter's last film BY ALEXANDRA FREAN

MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

A PREVIOUSLY unpublished film script by the late Dennis Potter is to be made into a film by the BBC with backing from

Hollywood. White Clouds is about a young Englishman living in Verona who kidnaps a young girl and demands a ransom but ends up killing her, despite falling in love with her. It is based on the novel Cara Massimina, by Tim Parks.

It had been thought that Potter's last unfilmed works were Karaoke and Cold Lazarus, two four-part dramas he wrote for the BBC and Channel 4 shortly before his death from cancer in June 1994. However, the BBC confirmed vesterday that it was developing While Clouds in partner-ship with an unnamed American company. It will have a budget of £3.5 million and filming will begin in Italy in the autumn.

Potter's close friend and collaborator, Ken Trodd, who has produced Karnoke and Cold Lazarus, said that Potter completed the script for White Clouds before he became ill. "He gave it me to read, Although it is based on someone else's novel, Potter's stamp is very much on it. It is a very clever piece, reminiscent of Brimstone and Treacle."

Trodd was speaking at the launch of the BBC's spring and summer schedules, at which it was announced that Karaoke and Cold Lazarus would be screened by the BBC and Channel 4 in April and May. The season also includes a five-part documentary se-ries, Defence of the Realm, about the Ministry of Defence. company has won its first BBC commission, it was announced yesterday. Ardent Production's documentary The Search for the Silver Arrow is to be shown as a Top Gear special next month.

**Pre-teen children** fall prey to shape

Two wronged parties make a right for jilted minister

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LINCOLN has offered a new



# of fashion models

By JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

CHILDREN as young as II worry about the size and shape of their bodies and are alarmed that the changes taking place at puberty run counter to the dictates of fashion, according to a survey Half of girls and a third of boys are concerned about their

body image, with twice as many girls as boys wanting to lose weight, the survey of II and 12-year-olds found. In many cases the desire for slimness was influenced by the images of fashion models. The questionnaire survey.

published yesterday by the Health Education Authority, was conducted among 536 pupils in three secondary schools. It found that many children undergoing puberty. especially girls, felt they were fat and were alarmed at the unexpected increase in weight. Girls are particularly concerned about their legs and their stomachs. Many claimed they wanted to be slimmer for themselves, not because they cared about what others thought. One said: "I have photos of me when when I was really skinny and dressed up and it really makes me sick to see that I have put on so much weight." The strategies adopt-

ed by girls to achieve the ideal shape range through doing little to taking exercise and to serious attempts at dieting. Dancing or aerobics claseses were cited as the right way" to achieve slummess. Dieting was seen as particu-

were too thin.

adolescence.

last year evicted from his larly difficult at school where home after he refused to pay a children were subject to peer divorce settlement, was devaspressure to indulge in snacks tated when his former wife and chips, but easier at home. Audrey, 69, walked out on their 41-year marriage and set up home with Peter Fisk, their However, some children -15 per cent of boys and 11 per cent of girls - say they would like to put on weight. One in 15 gardener, in 1990.

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great friends and used to go children of both sexes felt they on drives and outings togeth-Parents interviewed for the er. Mr Mickelsen will now survey felt that their children's marry Mrs Stannard, who was married to Mr Fisk for 42 worries about being overweight were unfounded. They vears but reverted to her tried to reassure them by maiden name after her divorce, at his church in Sutton, explaining that weight problems ran in the family or Suffolk, where he has been were a natural phase of pastor for 28 years.

Mr Mickelsen, 72, had said Parents were reluctant to he was prepared to go to jail rather than pay a penny towards the El09,500 divorce start their children on diets, because of fears about anorexia. The survey, included in a report Health Promotion and settlement to his wife, with whom he had four children. He later obeyed a court order the Family, found parents felt to pay his former wife E20,000, half the proceeds of ill-equipped to discuss subjects such as body image, sex and depression with their adolesthe home, and £625 a month for five years. "I bear no

### BY RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

A BAPTIST minister whose animosity to any person on wife set up home with their this earth including those gardener has decided to rewho have wronged me. But although I sent letters and marry - and has chosen the gardener's former wife. The flowers to my wife after she left, I had no other communi-Rev Dennis Mickelsen said cation with her apart from that his bride, Joan Stannard, two chance meetings at a garage," Mr Mickelsen said. was, like him, a "wronged

Mr Mickelsen, who was "I waited and prayed for six years for her to come back. Then I felt in my heart that I could be happy with Joan who like me is also a wronged party. We feel a common bond of Christian faith which is the best union that there can

The two couples were once

commodation flat in Wood-He added: "The Bible says bridge. Their former partners that a marriage can only end have not married but live 12 if there has been unfaithfulmiles away at Otley, near ness and there has in this Ipswich.

# 'ridiculous'

### BY ADRIAN LEE

people might think differently but I think there is a place for remarriage when the circum-A WOMAN who was ordered stances are genuine." out of her sickbed and wrongly arrested over two unpaid Mr Mickelsen said his marparking fines described an offer of £150 compensation as riage plans had met with "a favourable and happy" reridiculous yesterday. Caroline Coupland had response from his congregation. Mrs Stannard said: "I am very happy to be with Dennis. ported her car stolen at the Our lives will be full again. time the penalties were in-We have been friends for a curred. But she was told by a long time but we only got serious recently." police officer that if she did not get dressed and accompany The couple plan to live in Mrs Stannard's sheltered achim to court she would be handruffed.

case. Other ministers and

Peter Fisk with Mr Mickelsen's former wife, Audrey

home to Robin Hood, who faces being outlawed from Nottingham because he is out of date. Civic chiefs in Lincoln are planning to promote its historic links with the enduring hero of British folk history. Lincoln green, the cloth said to have been worn by Robin and his Merry Men. was woven and dyed in the city. His celebrated robberies of the rich to benefit the poor were conducted, says Lincoln City Council, on the nearby Fosse The mistake was blamed on

lost documents and Ms Coupland, 31, of Ash. Surrey, More controversially, the was offered the compensation city supports the theory advoby Hampshire Magistrates' cated by a group of historians Court Committee as a "gesture that he was not Robin of Loxley, a miller's son, but of goodwill". She was told that related to the De Kyme family. magistrales, who issued an arrest warrant, have immuniwhich hailed from Lincoln, some 35 miles from Nottingty in such cases against claims ham. Lincoln Cathedral also of false arrest. Ms Coupland, who suffers boasts a medieval manuscript

from asthma, had just been released from hospital when that documents the first connection between Robin and the officer arrived with a Sherwood Forest. warrant from Aldershot mag-Geoffrey Ellis, the mayor of Lincoln, said: "We will take istrates.

She said: "When I was full advantage of promoting eventually brought before the our connection with court I couldn't stand up. I was still holding my nebuliser outiav "If Nottingham does not mask to my face. I nearly want him, we certainly do. We passed out." will support Rohin Hood in

**By ANDREW PIERCE** every way." But Lincoln will not secure Robin Hood's services without a fight. Only days after the plan to design a new symbol for Nottingham came to light, Robin Hood, alias actor Tim Pollard, was the main attraction at the city's stand at the British trade fair in Birmingham.

Margaret Tillson, Nottingham's tourism promotions officer, was aghast at the proposal to play down links with Robin Hood. She said: "We would not dream of dropping him, as he is so well known worldwide." Mark Alexander, executive director of Nottingham's conference bureau, said that no firm decision had been taken about the outlaw. "A marketing partnership is now looking at an image for Noningham that would appeal across the board.

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Mr Pollard, dressed in a Lincoln green tunic, said: "I hear that some people think Robin Hood is a bit of a soft image for the city. For a person to be thrown aside for having a reputation for being fair, just and honest seems to me to be daft."

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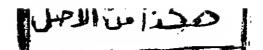
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### HOME NEWS 5 Charity chiefs warn RSPCA to tone down experiments protest BY ANDREW PIERCL

THE RSPCA has been lotd by Charity Commissioners noi lo campaign against animail experiments that are considered to be of benefit to mankind. The campaign against the British-financed use of chimpanzees in vivisection in Holland is one of the first casualties of the ruling. The society is re-examining its opposition to the use of primates in experiments and

twn publications that set out

ethical arguments for animal

Accusations that the RSCPA had sold its soul to the animal rights movement added to controversy surrounding the organisation

rights are also being relegally challenge the society's viewed.

opposition to hunting on the grounds that the destruction Some members of the RSPCA ruling council claim of the fox can be beneficial. that the organisation's cam-paigning activities will now have to be toned down and tn a recent letter, Richard Frics, the Chief Charity Com-missioner, told the RSPCA restricted to the welfare of that the nrganisation would be behaving in a way which was animals. Field sports supporters and landowners may now "inconsistent with its charita-

ble status" if it argued that the infliction of pain on animals could not be justified if it was for the good of man.

The charity commission in-Michael after an article by Michael Sissons, a leading London literary agent, in Country Life last November. The commission instructed the RSPCA to respond to criticisms that the society had surrendered its soul to the animal rights lobby". Membership has halved to

26,000 in the past 20 years after a series of controversial

moves by the society, includ-ing setting out a "declaration of animal rights", attempts to encourage members in become vegetarian, opposition to hunting and the rejection of membership applications from field sport supporters,

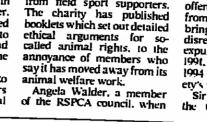
one of the targets of the society's critics. She has sev-eral arrests for public order offences and was expelled from the movement in 1988 for bringing the society into disrepute. She chattenged her expulsion in the High Court in 199t, was reinstated and in 1994 was elected to the soci-

the Countryside Movement

confirmed that the work of the charity had been kept closely under review but that it had not breached its charitable scope. There seems to be con-siderable scope for the RSPCA to continue to campaign against cruelty in cases where that cruelty cannot be justified by a greater benefit conferred on mankind."

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A spokeswoman for the RSPCA said: "We have been given a clean bitl of health by e commission. We are reviewing our opposition to ex-



iold about the commission ruting, said: The Charity pressure group, said last night: "The commission has told the RSPCA to watch it. A Commissioners should go to hell." Ms Walder, a vegan, is vociferous but effective minority has been engaged in assid-uous campaigning for animal rights which offends millions of ordinary countryside lovers. I hope this intervention by the commissioners will reverse an alarming trend. The RSPCA ety's ruling council. Sir David Steet, founder of

from charity work and into the political arena. It should stick to what it is best at: animal welfare. A commission spokesman



No evidence offered after prosecution weighs up emotional costs of case



# Home help cleared of trying to murder cancer sufferer

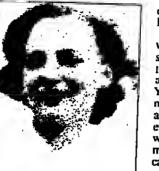
BY DOMINIC KENNEDY SOCIAL AFFAIRS

A HOME HELP accused of attempting to murder an elderly cancer sufferer had her case dismissed yesterday after a judge said he would pass only a light sentence if she

were convicted. Rachel Heath, 31, was also charged with administering diamorphine, a poison, to endanger the life of or inflict grievous bodily harm to 71ar-old Kathleen Corfield.

Ms Heath was a home help and carer for Mrs Corfield, a retired civil servant who had lived in a semi-detached house in Shirley, Southampton, for nearly 30 years. Mrs Corfield. a widow, had terminal cancer of the lung and throat. She had been in Southampton General Hospital for two weeks when she suddenly fell ill in December 1994. The police were called but she died shortly after their arrival.

Ms Heath had denied attempted murder and poisoning. After discussions in chambers at Winchester Crown Court, the Crown Prosecution Service decided to offer no evidence. Ms Heath, of Woolston, Southampton, wept and hugged friends after

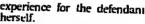


Kathleen Corfield: her cancer was terminal

told the court: "Even if the case passes the evidential test, the Crown prosecutors must decide that the prosecution is necessary in the public interest "The change in decision is

not caused by any reassessment of the evidence. The view was taken that the case was fit for the decision of the jury." Mr Mott said that, in the public interest, however, the likely sentence should be borne in mind. "If the court is likely to impose a very small or nominal penalty, it is a major factor against prosecution in a trial that may take a

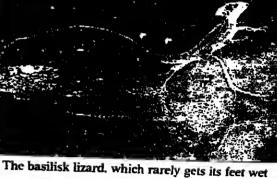
long time. have been five days, involving witnesses with emotional involvement and an emotional



"In a case such as this, where the issues go beyond the strictly legal into greater emolive significance, it is not always an easy assessment. Your lordship has very kindly made certain views known about your assessment of the evidence. Even if we prove what is set out, those views must go into the balance and cause a reconsideration of the public interest."

The decision not to continue with the prosecution had been made at a high level within the Crown Prosecution Service, Mr Mott said. He added that there was an additional ad-vantage to the decision: there could be confidence that prosecutions would not be continued simply to take the easy way out and to avoid criticism. Mr Justice Ognall said that "in the very unusual circumstances" of this case, he was satisfied that had Ms Heath been convicted she would have received a "very small or

nominal penalty". The judge added: "The investigating and prosecution agencies should not be faulted for bringing the matter this far. They would have been On each stroke the foot first failing in their duty if they had



How lizards walk on water with the greatest of ease

### By Nigel Hawkes, science editor

THE mystery of how the basilisk lizard runs on water has been solved by two American scientists.

By taking high-speed pho-tographs they have shown that the feat is achieved by extreme speed and dexterity. combined with a power output that is, weight for weight, 15 times greater than human

beings can manage. Basilisk lizards and some shore birds can make rapid progress across water by repeatedly striking the surface with their feet. In the case of the lizards, say Dr Jim Glasheen and Dr Thomas McMahon of Harvard University in Nature, the rear fect, driven by powerfully muscled legs, do the work while the lizard stands almost upright.

little lift, but the downward stroke does. As the foot goes through the

water it creates a cavity of air. The secret is to remove the foot before the cavity col-lapses. The high-speed film shows that the downward push takes 44 milliseconds. while withdrawing the fool takes 68 milliseconds --- so fast that the water does not have time to fill the cavity created

by the downward stroke. The scientists calculate that the power required is 29 watts per kilogram of bodyweight; well within the capacity of the lizard, whose muscles can produce 135 watts per kilogram. The best human beings can do is 20 watts per kg. And a man weighing 13 stone and striking the water with his bare feet would need to move speed of more than 60 miles an hour. The fastest human recorded is Carl Lewis, at 26.95mph.

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Mr Justice Ognall, dismissed the case. Philip Mott, QC, for the prosecution.

done any less. The Crown Prosecution Service has clearly acted responsibly and correctly.

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### HOME NEWS

# Lost evidence that could have saved three lives

#### BY DOMINIC KENNEDY, SOCIAL AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

A MENTAL patient with known homicidal tendencies was allowed back into the community where he killed his father and two pensioners, an inquiry found yesterday.

Jason Mitchell, 26, had persuaded a tribunal that he was sanc. Evidence that he was a potential killer had either been lost or ignored.

Sir Louis Blom-Cooper, QC. a former chairman of the Mental Health Commission, made 50 recommendations yesterday, including possibly depriving prisoners of the right to keep medical records confidential.

Mitchell, whose mother left home when he was a child. was a glue-sniffer who became a petty thief. Papers from 1988 produced by a young offenders' institution and prison showed that he was a serious-

ly disturbed teenager who believed that television sets following year. Mitchell apptalked to him. These records lied for discharge. In 1993 he failed to follow him through was transferred to St his next five years of courts Clements Hospital in Ipswich, and hospitals. nearer his father's home. In 1990 a vicar allowed Mitchell to sleep in a church in

cal in Epsom.

Jackie Leaver, an occupa-

tional therapist at the hospital.

detailing Mitchell's innermost

thoughts but the document

was dealt with dismissively by

In 1994 Dr Ray Goddard, a consultant psychiatrist, sanc-tioned Mitchell's release to the Epsom. Surrey. The next day, Jim Powell, the 70-year-old community. saying there was church cleaner, was attacked no useful purpose in detaining with a baseball bat by Mitch-ell, who threatened to kill him. In December of that year Mitchell later told police he

Mitchell absconded from his halfway house and broke into was carrying two knives because voices had told him to the home of Shirley Wilson, a kill the vicar. He appeared at chapel organist, and her husthe Old Bailey and was sent to band Arthur, a former stationmaster. He killed the couple, both aged 65. Mitchell then West Park psychiatric hospiwent to his father's home 250 yards away in the village of provided a report in 1991

Bramford, Suffolk. He beheaded and dismembered Bob Mitchell. The killer told police he wanted practice before

clinicians and other staff. The killing and eating a younger victim. After being arrested for murder, he appeared ecstatic and sang It's a Wonderful Life in his cell. Diagnosed with paranoid schizophrenia, Mitchell was given three life sentences last July and is at Rampton Hospital.

Sir Louis's panel blamed nobody for the triple killings. It recommended that full accounts of criminal acts involving mentally disordered people should become part of their permanent clinical record.

Dr Goddard said yesterday the distress of the case had caused him to question whether he wanted to continue his job. "I think we feel that sometimes we are being scapegoated for a national failure of care in the commun-



Jason Mitchell persuaded a tribunal he was sane

# Mental health inquiries dismissed as worthless

#### BY DOMINIC KENNEDY

INQUIRIES into mental health blunders such as the Jason Mitchell killings are mostly a waste of time. according to an expert who chairs them. They nearly always reach the same conclusions, nothing is changed, nobody is sacked and they may make matters worse, according to Dr Matt Muijen. About 40 such inquiries are under way at any time. Dr Muijen, director of the respect-

ed Sainshury Centre for Mental

Health in London, was able to correctly predict the outcome of yesterday's inquiry by Sir Louis Blom-Cooper, QC. These inquiries invariably come up with very un-original findings," he said. "We findings but they are rarely taken know the conclusions ... poor comfurther. You invariably find that munication between agencies, lack some mistakes have been made of leadership, lack of resources, some years earlier. What tends to

They are supposed to reassure the happen is that the health authority public, which they don't and they reads the report, thinks about it. are intended to improve the system. considers whether it can allocate which they don't." more resources and often can't.

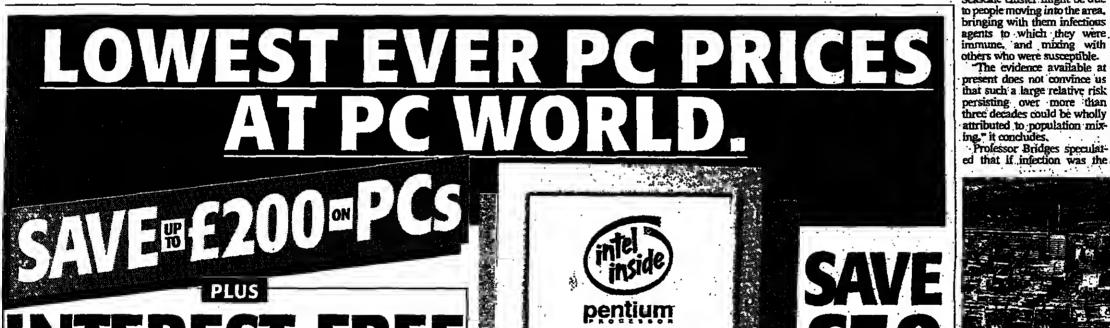
Dr Muijen has just chaired an

inquiry into the sujcides of three dismissed or sacked. I remember men with mental health problems one case where a senior manager who lived in the community in was moved sideways but everybody Southampton. "Inquiry reports, in-cluding my one, come up with these already knew that person couldn't do the job." Dr Muijen said the effect on other

staff could be profound. "There is a very nasty side to inquiries: the amazingly negative impact on staff morale. You could argue 'so what?'. but it can lead to poorer care. Staff are under incredible scrutiny by local and national press and a tough QC, which means that they are

frightened out of their mind." A though Health Department officials are privately worried about the inquiry system, campaigning groups tend to encourage it. Dr Muijen said: "If your whole organisation is concerned with saying that community care is flawed, this is helpful because it gives yoo ammunition all the the plant lived.

He said inquiries should be held only in cases where serious negli-gence was suspected, rather than automatically as at present.



"Hardly ever does anybody get

# Nuclear plant hails report

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# Child leukaemia 'unlikely' to be Sellafield's fault

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

THE Sellafield nuclear plant cause, then Seascale may have in Cumbria is very unlikely to have caused a leukaemia clusbeen affected because of a sewage outflow from Sella-field which discharged direct-ly into the River Ehen and flowed out to sea less than a ter among children in nearby Seascale, a government committee has concluded. But it admits that no other

single cause can explain the cluster, the subject of repeated official inquiries. Interactions between various factors, including the possibility that leukaemia could be infectious, may be responsible, the Com-mittee on the Medical Aspects of Radianon in the Environment says. For four decades, childhood

leukaemia has been more common in Seascale than would be expected. There have been eight cases since 1945 of lymphoid leukaemia among those below the age of 25, when less than one would be the norm.

The evidence available at

The report reviews data childhood leukaemia. Only then will we be able to go back and then we will be able to since a committee under Sir Douglas Black examined the issue in 1984. It shows that the understand the true scale of excess of cases has continued and remains confined to a the Seascale case." very small area. Cumbria as a British Nuclear Fuels welwhole does not show an excess comed the finding that occupa-." and nor do other areas around tional exposure to radiation -Seliafield where workers at was very unlikely to account; for the excess of leukaemias in-Seascale. David Young, BNFL-spokesman, - said: "We are The committee, chaired by Professor Bryn Bridges, examined the possibility that the. Seascale cluster might be due

pleased that at last the spectre that radiation has caused. these problems has been lifted from us.

"But we have always left that to blame these problems on radiation was a bit simplistic."

Janine Allis-Smith, whose son Lee was diagnosed with leukaemia in 1984 at the age of 12, said the report was inconclusive and she was still convinced his illness was caused by radioactive waste from the Sellafield plant.



mile from the Seascale beach. . The report says that the high incidence of leukaemia and non-Hodgkin's lymphoma in young people in Seascale between 1963 and -1992 was "highly unlikely to be due to chance" but that "no. one factor could account for the increase". -Radiation levels were "far too small" to account for the

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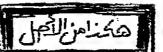
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cases on the basis of present. knowledge. Nor is it clear how only the children of Seascale fathers and not those who lived elsewhere could be affected.

Professor Bridges added Only time will tell. We need to know a lot more about





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# **Clarke thwarts Cabinet debate** on referendum

### BY NICHOLAS WOOD AND JAMES LANDALE

KENNETH CLARKE has on Saturday. The delay means a decision will be postponed blocked today's Cabinet meeting from resolving the imuntil next week or after Easter. passe over a referendum on a Mr Clarke's insistence on a single currency. It is under-stood that the Chancellor has "serious discussion" in Cabinet is being taken at Westmintold John Major that he bester as another sign of his lieves that Malcolm Rifkind. determination to press his case that a referendum on a the Foreign Secretary, should be present if ministers are to single currency would be a decide an issue of such mistake. Yesterday Mr Major came Mr Rifkind is accompany-

under pressure from the Tory party faithful to oppose a ing the Queen on a state visit single European currency as they demanded a clear rightto Eastern Europe and will not return to Britain until after joining Mr Major in Turin on wing agenda for the next Friday for the opening of the inter-governmental conference on the European Union. election. As he prepared to travel to Turin tomorrow, they expressed their hostility to further European integra-The Foreign Secretary has produced a paper on the implications of a referendum. In the biggest such survey.

30,000 Tories across the coun-try last autumn demanded the reform of Europe's agriculture and fisheries policies and a such as collective responsi-bility and timing. Mr Clarke believes that he should be at the Cabinet table to contribute to the debate. It is understood curb on the powers of the the Foreign Office was pre-European Court of Justice. pared to field a junior minister They called for tax and welfare if the Prime Minister had cuts, a boost to home ownership. fresh support for the family and a return of British heroes such as Drake, Nelson wanted to press ahead today. Mr Major, who has been fully occupied this week with the beef crisis, is understood to and Churchill to school history lessons. The Prime Minister ordered have agreed to defer a decision. He inically wanted to

announce a referendum comthe survey last May to give mitment at the Conservative members the grassroots chance to help to shape poli-Central Council in Harrogate

cies for the next election. Our Nation's Future, published yesterday, will be fed into the Downing Street Policy Unit and Cabinet committees

drawing up the manifesto. Although the party faithful said that Britain should re-main a member of the European Union, they opposed further loss of British sovereignty. There is common agreement that any move toward a 'United States of Europe' should be resisted fiercely and a clear view that no more powers should be transferred to Brussels." the report said.

The single currency was a topic of serious debate in the constituencies. The majority of participants were sceptical about the benefits." However they were divided over holding a referendum. Some argued that one was vital to decide constitutional issues. Others said a referendum was not needed because there were no circumstances in which a Tory government should take Britain into a single currency. Although Dr Brian Mawhinney, the party chairman, made clear that the survey was not a manifesto blueprint, he said that it showed the membership to be broadly in tune with the party leadership.

### **MP** hails press **body's** verdict BY NICHOLAS WOOD CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

A PRESS watchdog yesterday rebuked The Sunday Times for its methods in the "cash for questions" affair last year that led to two Tory MPs being suspended from the Commons for two weeks. The Press Complaints Commission reversed its previous finding that the newspaper had been entitled to use

subterfuge to test MPs' reac-tions to the offer of E1,000 for a Commons question. In 1994 a reporter posed as a businessman to approach 20 MPs. The article that followed led to the Nolan clampdown on MPs' outside earnings. The commission said that

The Sunday Times did not first gather enough hard information that an issue of serious public interest was at stake, the ground on which newspapers' Code of Practice allows the use of subterfuge. One of the suspended MPs. Graham Riddick, yesterday claimed the new ruling vindicated him. He and his supporters on the Conservative benches said they would be appealing to the Com-mons Standards and Privi-

leges Committee to reopen its inquiry into the conduct of the Coine Valley MP. Mr Riddick added that the commission had apologised for failing to take evidence from him be-



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fore reaching its original verdict.

But John Witherow, editor of The Sunday Times. reject-ed Mr Riddick's interpretation of the commission's new findings set oot in a letter from Lord Wakeham. its chairman, to Tony Newton, the Leader of the Commons. Mr Witherow said the statement was a fudge making

only trivial concessions to the MP and that the commission had also found that through its inquiry, the newspaper had "turned the spotlight on an area in which parliamentary procedures were open to abuse, raising an issue of serious public interest". Mr Riddick said: "This adjudication exonerates my behaviour and restores my

good name." He said the commission had ruled "that The Sunday Times should have told its readers that its journalist, when posing as a businessman discussed a perfectly legitimate paid consultancy with me during two substantive conversations This proves that I did not accept cash for asking questions."

Labour candidate Dixons SAVE UP WITH THIS ordered to quit VOUCHER HURRY! OFFERS END MONDAY By JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT GRUNDIG 18 MONTHS A LABOUR parliamentary GV41 4-HEAD SAVE candidate who admits having BIMONTES £30 0% NICAM STEREO taken part in terrorist activity VIDEO in South Africa has been Extended play ordered to step down by the VideoPlus party's ruling body. The National Executive Committee (NEC) has told VOUCHER PRICE programming Superb stereo John Lloyd, who was chosen £ 67 7.99 INGERSOLL SAVE sound quality. by Labour to fight Exeter at the general election, that it will In-store Price VX950 AUTOTUNE VIDEO £10 £329.99. rescind his endorsement as candidate if he refuses to go. PLAYER In the early 1960s Mr Lloyd, Auto-tracking low 54, was a member of the VOUCHER PRICE focility. African Resistance Move- Automatically tunes £ **39**.99 ment, which bombed targets into TV channels. such as electricity pylons and In-store

radio masts. He has also been accused of betraying John Harris, a fellow conspirator who was executed for planting a bomb at Johannesburg railway station that killed one

person in 1964. An NEC panel, which had been set up to look at his candidature in detail, agreed that Mr Lloyd had misled both the NEC and Tom Sawyer, Labour's general secretary. La concluded that: "Mr Lloyd's lack of openness had undermined his position as a candidate." -

Mr Lloyd said he was disappointed at the decision.



He has no right of appeal. The local party executive will meet next Tuesday to discuss the selection of a new candidate.

Relatives of Mr Harris had written to the NEC complaining about Labour's selection of Mr Lloyd as its candidate. Mr Lloyd claims that he has been the victim of a "personal vendetta" by Mr Harris's son, David Wolfe, who is a barrister in the same chambers as Tony Blair's wife, Cherie,

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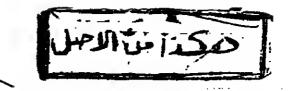
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# **Brussels confirms** ban but offers conditional aid

### FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN BRUSSELS

THE European Union confirmed its worldwide ban on the export of British beef and its by-products yesterday but offered financial help for British farmers provided that the Government came up with further measures to eradicate "mad cow" disease.

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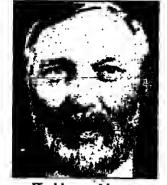
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Britain's two EU Commissioners joined the 18 other members of the Brussels executive in ratifying the decision of EU national officials to declare a global embargo on any beef leaving Britain for human consumption, whether as meat or in products such as confectionary, medicine or lipstick. Milk and other dairy products were not affected. No member state has ever been forced by fellow EU members to take such action against its own wishes.

Franz Fischler, the EU farm commissioner, said the confirmed ban was vital to restore confidence. It was futile to talk about scientific fact or evidence, he said. However, Herr Fischler added: "These measures are not set in stone forever. They will apply until the necessary steps are taken [by Britain]." The Veterinary Committee which voted the measures on Monday would be convened again in six weeks.

The comments, made in a speech to the European Parliament, reflected the anger in the Commission and in other member states towards what is seen as the Government's mishandling of the emergency. Herr Fischler complained that the Commission, which is responsible for managing agriculture in the EU, had been given only half an hour's warning ahead of the announcement last week in the



Fischler: seeking to protect other states

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farm authorities has cast a about £55 million is allocated shadow over tomorrow's onefor disease eradication and day summit of EU leaders in this has been exhausted. Turin to launch the inter-Sir Leon Brittan, one of the governmental conference re-British Commissioners, won ising the Maastricht treaty. the agreement from the Com-Under the ban, Britain must mission to make available EU report every formight on progress in tackling BSE, and funds for compensation in return for approving the ban a committee would be set up along with his colleagues, officials said. Sir Leon drafted under Professor Charles Weissmann, a prominent Swiss specialist in BSE, to the text committing the commission to recommending the monitor the situation. The use of union resources once a Commission urged Britain to package of measures had been take further steps: officials said this meant that the Govagreed with the British

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as necessary."

Herr Fischler said: "It is not

ernment was expected to order the slaughter of cattle as our objective to isolate the quickly as possible. United Kingdom for as long as In return, the EU would possible. These are emergency measures that will last as long

### Farmer's fury

Herr Fischler said the chief aim at the moment was to Radio 4 on Tuesday, in reremarks he made in a radio Mr Hogg: "There is no A French farmer whose herd of 110 cattle is to be slaughprevent a market collapse in recommendation from Seac programme sponse to a barrage of critipoint that he agreed with The Dorothy and David Churfor any kind of policy which other member states. Controls cism from callers, many of Sun that public hysteria about tered after one of his cows the possible link between BSE would be strictly enforced, chill, Stephen's parents, and them mothers of young involves slaughter. Seac and CJD was out of all proportion to the risk and the although this would not go as was found to have BSE his sister Helen, 21, told children. haven't recommended that we Stephen Dorrell: "It is with an He said: "I agree with The grabbed a British reporter by take out of the human food far as confiscating lipsticks overpowering sense of disgust that we are forced to write to the hair yesterday when asked how he felt, "You from travellers crossing the Sun this morning, which says it isn't the cows that are mad, scientific evidence." chain the older cow. Stephen Churchill died on "The core of National Farm-Channel, Commission offici-House of Commons. Last als would visit the UK to you regarding your offensive remarks made publicly. That English bastard, you give my it's the people. What the ers' Union proposals is that May 21 last year, a month BSE gramme, he continued. The letter of complaint to Douglas you should have the effron us have to do, is step back know how I feel," he bel-Scientists have since identienter the food chain. Seac has Hogg, the Agriculture Minister. lowed. Georges Hourman, ban would be maintained as tery to query that the British from the hysteria and believe considered the question of the fied him as one of ten victims long as a threat remained. who farms at Plourach, Britthe facts." of a new strain of Creutzfeldtolder cow and recommended public are going mad, rather tany, claims that his cows Mrs Churchill, from The battle of wills pitting than the cows, must rate as Jakob disease likely to have that . . , the older cow can be William Recs-Mogg, page 20 been caused by eating meat infected with BSE. Britain against the Commiswere infected by feed importsold into the food chain but in your most crass statement Devizes, Wiltshire, said yession and the EU's national ed from Britain. "Words failed me Letters, page 21 We demand a public terday: a deboned state. That is where StMichael FOODS



Dorothy Churchill and her son Stephen, who died from Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease

# Victim's family demand an apology from Dorrell

#### BY MICHAEL HORNSBY AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

THE family of Stephen Churchill, who died last year from a brain condition since linked to "mad cow" disease, have written to the Health Secretary to express their shock at

neighbours."

Mr Dorrell made the remarks during an appearance on Call Nick Ross on BBC

### when I heard that. We were all deeply shocked by it, as were all of our friends and

A statement issued last night by the Department of Health said: "Mr Dorrell has great sympathy for Stephen Churchill's parents. He was replying to a query about the Sun editorial and making the

### MAD COW DISEASE

# **Ministers** face questions from all sides over **BSE policy**

the scientific evidence

recommendations rests." Sir Jerry Wiggin, Tory chairman of the agriculture

committee, asked Professor Pattison: "Would you not

agree that the likelihood of

**BSE-infected** food appearing

on the dinner plate is as near

zero as is humanly possible?

Professor Pattison: "I believe

member of the health commit-

tee: "Can't anyone make some

sort of assessment as to what

'extremely low' [risk] is? Is it

"Everyone in the land would

be grateful if we could nut a

figure of one in 100 million on

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ber of the health committee:

"Is there not a danger of a

British industry being sold down the river by individuals

who pretend there is a prob-lem in Britain and no problem

anywhere else in the world?" Keith Meldrum: "The extent

to which there is under-report-

ing is hard to determine. It is

fair to say that the problem in

the UK is significantly greater

that is now the case."

David Congdon,

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY POLITICAL CORRESPONDEN

MINISTERS and their advisers faced four hours of questioning from MPs yesterday on the background and implications of the BSE scare.

The Commons Agriculture and Health Select Committees called Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary, and Douglas Hogg, the Agriculture Minister, to give details of government policy. Also among the witnesses were Keith Meldrum, the Chief Veterinary Officer, and Professor John Pattison, chairman of Seac, the BSE advisory committee. The following are

one in a million, one in ten million?" Professor Pattison: some of the exchanges. At the start Mr Dorrell said: "Yesterday the argument moved on. The best available evidence demonstrates that it. If you have a small risk it British beef and beef products can actually multiply up to a can be safely eaten both here and around the world. The issue is no longer a question of the safety of British beef. The average amount of beef you might not get one case." John Marshall, Tory memquestion now is a matter of consumer confidence."

Edward Leigh. Tory MP and a member of the agricul-ture committee: "We are faced with a crisis of confidence in a great British industry. What policy options is the Government considering? What is the cost and what is the purpose of such policies? We have had various proposals, not least what seems to be a very sensible one of dairy cows coming to the end of their lives being bought by the Government."

than in other countries." Dale Campbell-Savours Labour member of the agriculture committee, referred to withdrawal of public money from a scientist researching BSE: "There has been an effective attempt to undermine work that was being done, because it didn't suit ministers." Mr Dorrell: "It is a

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apology for the offence caused and reiterate our calls for a public and independent inquiry into these matters."

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### **EDUCATION REVIEW**

'Pre-eminence of A levels has led to expansion beyond the purpose for which they were created'

# **Dearing calls for** tougher exams to stretch high flyers

By JOHN O'LEARY EDUCATION EDITOR

HIGH-FLYING students will encouraged to take revitalised S levels, or even parts of university courses, under Sir Ron Dearing's plans to stretch sixth-formers.

Sir Ron's Review of Qualifications for 16 to 19-year-olds calls for A levels to be made more difficult in a range of subjects, including English and business studies. Independent research had shown standards were uneven and "levelling up" should take place over a five-year period. Examination boards will be required to monitor standards over time. Restrictions will be placed on the development of modular A levels, which have shown significantly higher pass rates than traditional examination-based courses.

Those who still find A level pitched below their natural ability will be offered Special Papers (S levels) or units from degree courses. S levels have been in decline for many years because they do not count lowards university entrance.

Sir Ron proposes that revamped Special Papers should be based on A-level syllabuses, testing students to a higher standard. An alternative would be to set high flyers extended assignments, requiring research or in-depth exploration of a topic.

Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Sec-

NEARLY 200 recommendations are made in Sir Ron Dearing's report, including: A national framework for all qualifications of four levels: entry, foundation, intermediate and advanced. Renaming the advanced GNVQ the "applied A level". □ Making the applied A level the same size as a single A level (currently advanced GNVQs take the curriculum time of two A levels). Higher standards required in some A levels, including English and art. An Advanced Subsidiary the present AS level, based on the first half of an A-level syllabus, to encourage four or five choices at 16 rather than three full A levels. A new range of qualifications for low-achievers at entry level, below a GCSE grade G.

STANDARDS

retary, asked Sir Ron to ensure that the rigour of A levels was maintained when she commissioned his inquiry almost a year ago. His report says that changes within subjects and a shortage of archive material make it difficult to pronounce accurately on claims that standards have

been slipping in recent years. He says that, as the Government's academic "gold stan-dard", A levels have stood the test of time. But the examinaoon was established 45 years ago to select an elite for higher education, and too many stu-dents not suited to academic study were now starting courses and dropping out.

The historic pre-eminence of A levels has led to their expansion beyond the purpose for which they were created," his report says. The new examinations structure should encourage many students to take applied or vocational courses instead. Sir Ron sees the prolifera-

tion of A-level syllabuses as a possible threat to standards, as schools switch between examination boards to find the easiest. Decisions for schools and colleges to change boards should be taken by heads and

MAIN RECOMMENDATIONS

Sir Ron acknowledged that particular concerns have been raised about the drop in mathematics and science entries at A level. Academics have complained that A-level mathematics now leaves out so many "difficul1" topics that they have to give many new uodergraduates remedial lessons. The report recommends new GCSE additional mathe-

year course.

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matics courses to narrow the gap to A level. Government regulatory bodies should consuit examining boards about enlarging the mandatory core of both science and mathematics A levels, so that more topics would be covered by every student

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A-level students at work yesterday at Tiffin girls' school in Kingston upon Thames

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# Vocational study could ease plight of disaffected

BY DAVID CHARTER EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

THOUSANDS of teenagers failing to achieve the lowest level of academic success at school should try vocational study in a college or the workplace, yesterday's report recommended.

Sir Ron Dearing, who left school at 16 with few qualifications, has been particularly struck by the plight of the thousands who leave school unqualified and disaffected every year. He said school should remain the centre of education up to the age of 10 but from 14 the disenchanted and other low achievers should have regular sessions in different environments to see if they can be motivated.

Sir Ron said il was a matter of national concern that more than 40,000 16-year-olds. 8 per cent of the year group, leave school every year without the lowest academic qualification to their name, a grade G al GCSE. In 1994, nearly 80,000 in English and 90,000 in mathematics did not get a grade G, the level expected of the average ll-year-old.

His proposed new structure of National Levels embracing qualifications represents three existing tiers but the adds a foothold for those not recording any success. Sir Ron

rejected extending the GCSE ladder below grade G (to H. I. etc) and is instead calling on. schools and colleges to develop a range of Entry-level qualifications, aimed lower than anything on offer at present. Sir Ron said: "Some 20 per

cent of our young people do. not achieve a qualification in both the core subjects of English and mathematics, and that clouds their whole future. To encourage, motivate and recognise the achievement of such young people must be a major objective.

The priority for Entry level. would be to recognise communication, numeracy and information technology. Scales used to assess it-year-olds could form the basis of Entrylevel criteria.

Sir Ron added that teenagers who play truant or have lost interest in school may respond to the "more adult environment" of a further education college. He wants schools to link with colleges to create education programmes for low achievers

ed" on them.

The Association for Colleges welcomed the report and said its members would work with schools, provided disenchanted teenagers were not "dump-





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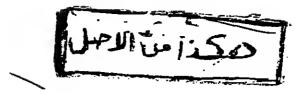
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Candidates and employers welcome reforms and say courses fail to prepare students for A levels

# Sixth-form pupils say **GCSEs are** too easy

STUDENT VIEW

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STUDENTS criticised GCSEs as too easy in a survey of 1b to 19-year-olds conducted for Sir Ron Dearing's review. It also showed that many A-level students would prefer continuous assessment, rather than all examinations coming at the end of their courses.

There has been linle acceplance of advanced GNVQs by pupils aiming for university. and many doubted the rele-vance of A levels for later life. The GCSE, which replaced O levels in 1986, was responsible for some students dropping out of A levels because GCSEs had not prepared them adequately. Overall, 85' per cent of A-level students described their courses as "much harder" than GCSEs. One university student commented: "At GCSE you

don't liave to do very much at all. You can spend the best part of 18 months just sitting in lessons talking to people and writing down whatever is put in front of you." Other stu-



Jane de Sweit, head of Henrietta Barnett School, north London:

dents criticised the lack of welcome the reforms, depth in the combined science particularly the horizontal AS levels with an exam at the end of year 12. Doing four sub-jects, which the students are GCSE, which merges physics, chemistry and biology into a double award qualification. They said that those planning not forced to continue, is a great opportunity for breadth and a strong motivating fac-tor. But it is the S levels I have to take science A levels should be advised to take separate subjects at GCSE and catled reservations ebout; they are very demanding and if they require edditional teaching it might be impossible to find staff. My budget certainly wouldn't allow that." for an increase in the coverage A-level students were critical of the system in which all examinations came at the end of their courses. They and GNVQ students favoured a

modular structure in which ment was: "The A-level curricdifferent sections of courses ulum is not broad enough in that it is good to stretch vals by testing or coursework. Another drawback with A students and it is also good to provide students with a range of non-curriculum activities." Seventeen per cent of the Alevel students questioned said Their narrow focus could also they would have liked a greatmean a difficult transition to er number of subjects but in ess detail.

The survey also showed that the introduction of advanced GNVQs as a means of entry to

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Tony Webb, Confederation of British Industry director of education and training:

"The opening of the range of options for students is particu-larly welcome and will increase the likelihood of making stu-dents ettractive to employers. dents ettractive to employers. Sir Ron Dearing is saying that there are e variety of education customers out there, all with their individual needs and lac-ing different challenges. These proposals enable them to take up new options, while the rest can continue as before. That is e welcome change to the

some universities has had limited impact. One third of GNVQ candidates were siming for university, compared with 82 per cent of A-level students. Four fifths of A-level students surveyed had five or more A to C grades at GCSE, compared with one third of GNVQ students.

Widening the choice of subjects end relating them more to the world outside academia is a good thing. Teamwork is important end students practise it at GCSE level and at university. So far A levels have been an anomaly in the middle. The changes pro-posed would seem to eddress some of that. But while S levels might be suitable to some, there is more to gain from e university education than academic knowledge."

compared with 33 per cent of GNVQ candidates. GNVQ students were much more likely than A-level students to have had work experience included in their course. All students agreed that "core skills" were useful, placing communication top, followed by teamwork and

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SIR RON DEARING pro-

I Jon Ashworth, London School at Economics Vice-

"I took two S levels myself so I must be in favour of them. I thoroughly enjoyed them and they were very useful when I started university. But one mustn't forget that universities are year different form schools are very different from schools, i see no reason in principle why applied A levels shouldn't be good enough to go on to university. It all depends on the nature of the university course. Some institutions will be very interested in this particularly interested in this, particularit the technological universities.

than 150 schools and colleges in England, Wales and North-ern Ireland, It also showed that students were nearly three times as likely to find their choice of course restricted in small sixth forms or colleges than they were at bigger institutions. More than half of all A-level and GNVQ students said their choice of course was influenced by a careers officer or teacher, raththe trick.

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# **Revolution may** fail to smash class barriers

COMMENTARY

admissions tutors will not

Nor is the report certain to

prevent the early special-

isation that most experts con-

sider a damaging feature of

the present system. Sir Ron moved away from his initial

plan to require sixth-formers

to take courses in more than

Students will be able to

necessarily agree.

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duced a blueprint yesterday for a revolution in qualifications after the age of 16. His Vocational 200 recommendations cover for example, will not follow everything from spirituality the same rules as the academin the sixth form to raising the ic variety, where coursework status of vocational courses, is limited and there are reloughening up A levels and strictions an modular courses. Although a new points system attracting more teenagers to should give them equal curscience. rency fur university entrance.

The Government's chief curriculum adviser started from the premise that young people in Britain were study ing too narrowly and achieving too little. His eightvolume report ranges far beyond the familiar territory of the traditional sixth form into training and even courses for disaffected pupils.

By creating a single frameone area, leaving students to work covering both academic decide for themselves. and vocational courses, Sir keep their options open by Ron hopes to raise standards and unlock potential among taking up to five one-year AS those ill-served by existing levels, including one devoted programmes. Sir Ron was asked to

portive yesterday.

There is something in the

report for all of them: tougher A levels and a revival of the

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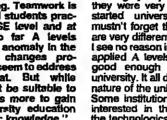
levels and an all-embracing

to "key skills" such as communication and teamwork, but square the orcle of maintainthree A levels are likely to ing the "gold standard" of remain the passport to a top A levels while encouraging university. Those who see the value of greater breadth of study after 16 and further developing

broader study will mix and vocational qualifications. Seamatch courses from different soned Dearing-watchers will academic disciplines with vorecognise some of the techcational programmes, gainniques he has used to carry off ing credit for all of them. But many head teachers believe Government and Opposithat only compulsion will tion support most of the prevent the opening of a new recommendations. Teachers' divide. in which obviously academic sixth-formers igorganisations and business nore the opportunities providleaders were also largely sup-

ed by Sir Ron. The report goes further than before to break down the barriers between academic and vocational study. Sir Ron also takes on the reluctance to study mathematics and science, but he finds few simple answers other than to make arts A levels more difficult. Both traits are deeply en-

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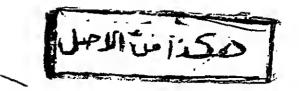
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### 14 OVERSEAS NEWS

# Secessionist gunmen defy US justice as FBI closes in on ranch

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

DAWN on the high, snow-touched plains of Montana yesterday found 100 FBI agents crouched in surveillance positions outside a remote ranch. Inside the compound were an estimated 20 members of the "Freemen", a heavily armed militia group which does not accept the legitimacy of the United States and has refused to surrender to police.

Schweitzer: prominent in militia movement

### after the arrest on Monday of the militia's two leaders. In a federal courthouse in the nearest city, Billings, the men. LeRoy Schweitzer and Daniel Petersen Jnr. shouted

insults and demanded that they be tried in their own self-styled "country" of "Justus Township". For the FBI agents at the 960-acre ranch in Garfield County, meanwhile, came chilling rumours that militia groups from other parts of the United States may be heading The stakeout entered its third day towards Montana, like stampeding

bison, to "monitor" the siege and Freemen's ranch, which is about 20 "ensure" there is no repeat of the miles from the village of Jordan violence that ended the six-week stand-off at the Branch Davidian compound in Waco. Texas, in 1993. Federal officials are anxious Io prevent violence and Sherry Matteucci, a lawyer, made a televised appeal to militia members, who are said to include women and children. "We intend you no harm," she said. "Our goal is for you to come in peacefully."

The police prevented access to the

(population: 450), and aircraft were forbidden to fly over the area. Until November the farm was owned by two brothers who belonged to the militia, Ralph and Emmen Clark. but they lost it Io a bank. The new owners want to move in to start spring planting. Their complaints finally forced the police to take action.

So threatened by the Freemen have Jordan villagers been feeling

that they had considered starting a vigilante group to "get trained, get arms and go in and do it", according to Tom Stanton, 59, who owns a neighbouring plot of land. Reporters who tried to approach lustus Township were abused. A Polish reporter said he was shot at, and an ABC television crew was relieved of \$66.000 (E42,000) in equipment.

Louanne Biggerstaff, a local woman who knew LeRoy Schweitzer at school, recalled a boy who even then showed "a lot of inspira-

oonal leadership qualities". Mr Schweitzer is a prominent figure in the militia movement and "pilgrims" have been known to travel across the United States to see him. He and other Freemen are accused of fraud and of advocating violence for political ends.

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The name of Justus spells out the desire of the Freemen to create their own rules and codes of behaviour. In place of modern American law. they recognise parts of common law, the Bible and Magna Carta.

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# **British hitch-hiker** tells murder trial of battle to escape

### FROM ROGER MAYNARD IN SYDNEY

A BRITON described yester-day how he dodged bullets and ran for his life when an Australian roadworker accused of killing seven tourists opened fire. He escaped only after struggling from the grasp of the alleged nurderer and throwing himself in front of a passing vehicle.

Paul Onions, 29, is the only known survivor of the man accused of carrying out the "backpacker murders". He told the Supreme Court in Sydney that he was hitchhiking alone six years ago when Ivan Milat picked him up near the entrance to the Belanglo State Forest, where the remains of his seven

alleged victims were found. Mr Onions, from Willenhall, West Midlands, said he found himself staring in disbelief when Mr Milat pulled out a gun. "The main thing I remember was the copper tips of the bullets in the chamber, so I knew it was real. The gun was pointing straight at me. I could feel my voice shaking. I couldn't believe it. I said, 'Calm down, what's the problem?' He said, 'This is a robbery

Mr Onions said the driver then produced a rope. "That scared me more than the gun."



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Mr Onions leapt out of the vehicle and started to run as Mr Milat shouted that he would shoot. "I heard the gun go off and I started dodging and weaving."

Mr Onions said, wrestling him to the ground on the central reservation of the motorway as cars drove pasi. Some motorists slowed down. before accelerating away. "I was just about to give up. He was holding on to my shirt and I tried to free myself. I

I've got to get away now," Mr Onions said he struggled free and threw himself in front of a van, forcing it to stop. He opened the door and jumped in, telling the fright-ened woman driver: This man has got a gun." She drove him to a nearby police station. Mr Onions said he remembered his attacker had a moustache, of the style made famous by the former Australian Test cricketer Merv Hughes. "dark squinty eyes" and a stupid grin. Asked by the prosecution if the man was in court, Mr Onions turned

and motioned at the defendant, sitting a few feet away. It emerged yesterday that detectives had waited five

months before following up a telephone call Mr Onions, an engineer, had made to New South Wales police in November 1993. He had telephoned His attacker pursued him,

thought this is my last chance.

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them from England after the discovery of the bodies of two young British women and wanted to remind police of his encounter. It was not until April 1994 that an officer contacted him. A few weeks later Mr Onions was flown to Sydney where he identified Mr Milat from a videotape. Mr Milat. 51, has denied the murder of the seven hitchhikers, including Joanne Wal-

ters, of Maesteg. and Caroline Clarke, of Surrey. All had been killed with a gun or knife. Mr Milat also denies kidnapping Mr Onions. Earlier, Mr Milat's sister-

in-law had admitted in court that she altered the date on a photograph to the weekend the two British women disappeared. The picture of Mr Milat on a camping holiday was originally dated Easter 1991, but Carolynne Milat changed the date to Easter

Mrs Milat told the court his mother's house on Boxing Day 1991 when another two of his alleged victims. Anja Habschied and Gabor Neugebauer, were last seen alive.

She said she remembered

The case continues.

for culture and tourism have formed a cost 1,000 pesetas (£5). Until recently it state company, Goya 96, to promote the anniversary.

More than £3 million will be spent oo 16 exhibitions, five congresses, a film, a ballet, a play and an opera, all dedicated to aspects of Goya's life. The federal bank, Argentaria, is sponsoring the events. Tickets to the Prado

was difficult to obtain tickets for important cultural eveots in Spain, so a ocw telephone reservation and credit card payment service has been widelywelcomed. So far, 4,000 tickets have been sold.

package with goyesco entertainments. such as dining in one of old Madrid's Spain for the first time.

mesones, where the painter enjoyed Castilian roast baby lamb and suckling pig, or attending a goyesca corrida, a traditional-style builtight, a spectacle frequently portrayed by Goya.

The Prado's Goya collection has Several luxury hotels are offering a ~been supplemented by 30 works from around the world, many returning to

Goya's Third of May, 1808, in which the painter depicted the execution of royalist rebels in Madrid during the Napoleonic wars in Spain She denied she had altered the date after her brother-in-Spain's year of Goya to be given a royal send-off law was arrested, "Did you do it to provide an alibi for him?" Mark Tedeschi, for the prose-cution, asked. "Definitely FROM EDWARD OWEN not," she replied. Mrs Milat, IN MADRID who is married to one of the KING JUAN CARLOS and Queen defendant's brothers, William, claimed it was a mistake. Sofia of Spain will open the Goya exhibition at Madrid's Prado art that her brother-in-law had museum loday at the start of oational celebrations to mark the 250th annibeen al a family gathering at

versary of the Spanish painter's birth. The Spanish ministries responsible

Warren Christopher, the US

Secretary of State, with a

"young attractive instructress"

to teach him Russian. Mr Clinton agreed that such a move would certainly change

Meanwhile in Washington,

Ross Perot and Pat Buchanan

continued to plague Bob Dole

after he claimed the Republi-

can presidential nomination

following an overwhelming victory in the California primary.

national speaking tour to pro-mote his new Reform Party,

which threatens to split the

anti-Clinton vote and ensure

Mr Buchanan today meets

nearly 50 top supporters at his home in the wealthy Washing-ton suburb of McLean to

compile a list of demands

dubbed the "McLean Mani-

festo". He has left open the

possibility of running as an

independent and further frag-

the President's re-election.

Mr Perot embarked on a

Mr Christopher's image.

exhibition, which will last until Juge 2.

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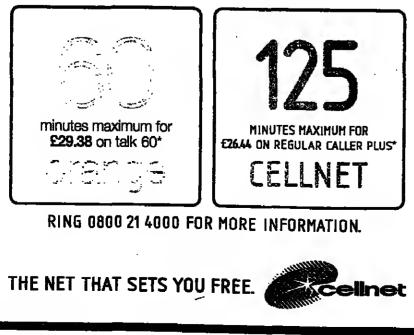
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Ivan urging one of the children to fire a water pistol at her when she arrived at the front door. Mrs Milat said her husband and other members of the family were also there. As the witness left the court man accompanying her kicked and punched a news-Milat: accused of killing paper photographer.

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#### Presidents vow to Nixon tapes reveal dirty tricks help each other FROM IAN BRODIE cow and an opening to Peking released under an agreement between the Justice Depart-IN WASHINGTON

### FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Clinton and President Yeltsin agreed earlier this month to give each other political support before the approaching American and Russian presidential elections.

elections. Mr Clinton told Mr Yeltsin he "wanted to make sure that everything the United States did would have a posiove impact and nothing should have a negative impact" achave a negative impact", ac-cording to a classified account of their meeting at the recent and-terrorism summit in Egypt, leaked to yesterday's Washington Times.

"The main thing is that the two sides not do anything that would harm the other," Mr Clinton told Mr Yeltsin. "Things could come up between now and the elections in Russia or the United States which could cause conflicts." The White House acknowledged the quotes were accurate but questioned their interpretation.

On a lighter note, Mr Yeltsin proposed providing menting the Republican vote if these demands are ignored.

# Satirists leap on Dole's third party rhetoric

### FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

AT his party in Washington to celebrate clinching the Republican presidential nomination, Bob Dole declared that the battle for America's future had begun, adding: "ThaI's where Bob Dole will lead us." Mark il up as another example of Mr Dole's Third Personspeak - a recurring idiosyncrasy. He often sums up his stump speeches with the remark: "That's what Bob Dole is all about." Pat Buchanan has also fallen into Third Personspeak.

which is becoming a rich vein for mimicry and ridicule. National Public Radio challenged listeners to furnish quotacions where similar selfreferences would have ruined the whole effect. A few of the early favourites:

Frankly, my dear, Rhett Butler doesn't give a damn." "How does Elizabeth Bar-

rett Browning love thee? Let Elizabeth Barrett Browning count the ways. Then there is: "John Lennon is the walrus." From Moby Dick: "Call Ishmael, Ishmael." Then there were: "Winston

Churchill has nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears and sweat." That's one small step for

Neil Armstrong, one giant leap for mankind." From A Tale of Two Cities: "It is a far, far better thing that

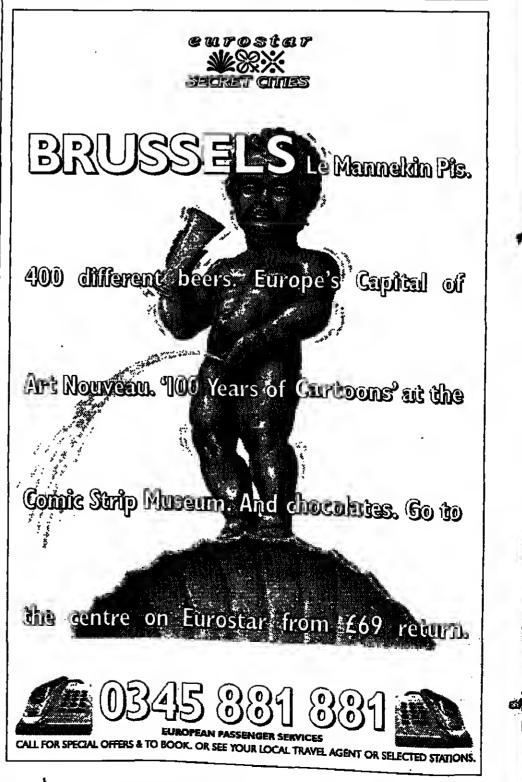
Sydney Carton does than Sydney Carton has ever done."

And: "Claudius. Claudius." Richard Nixon was the first modern exponent of political Third Personspeak. After losing the 1962 California governor's race, he told reporters. wrongly as it turned out: "You won't have Nixon to kick around any more."

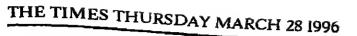
MORE than 3.000 hours of Richard Nixon's secretly recorded tapes, covering White House dirty tricks and his historic dealings with China and the Soviet Union, will be

ment, the National Archives and his executors. The tapes represent a treasure trove for historians in search of a greater under-standing of Nixon's ability to establish detente with Mos-

while also conducting high crimes against his political foes. The first 200 hours of the recordings will focus on the web of illegal acts connected with the Watergate scandal, including misuse of the FBI and the CIA.



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# Farm crisis drives **Britain towards European fold**

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN BRUSSELS

A WEEK of Europe-wide convulsions over "mad cow dis-ease" has cast a harsh new light on tomorrow's European Union summit in Turin, an event intended to set a serene tone for the Maastricht review conference. The BSE crisis has pushed

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John Major to the centre of the stage, where he will receive the sympathies of his continental colleagues, with a little lecturing on the blessings of "solidarity".

President Chirac set the tone vesterday with a call to the French Cabinet to support Britain in its hour of need and to give generously when com-pensating Briosh farmers. Philippe Vasseur, the Farming Minister, spelt out what However, the beef crisis has France expects for helping Mr offered a parable in what is



The controversial single-

Signora Agnelli, 74, has

The general view is that the return the favour over the British Government has mis-"unfair" benefits it obtains from the depreciating pound. Britain's alleged abuse of "competitive devaluation" is France's main complaint against London as Paris keeps its franc strong ahead of monetary union

Italians seek single voice for the EU

### FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

THERE were increasing fears among Italian officials yesterday that tomorrow's Turin summit would be hijacked by the row between Britain and its European partners over "mad cow" disease. Officials said Italy had hoped for a trouble-free summit in June. summit to launch the intergovernmental conference on currency issue has been kept Maastricht. Susanna Agnelli, off the Turin agenda and the the Foreign Minister, be-Italians defused another polieved EU leaders were close tential row by formulating a to agreement on giving Europe "a single identifiable compromise over the role of MEPs in the IGC. Signora face and voice" by appointing Agnelli sounded a cautious a senior figure to "represent note on the extension of Europe to the world".

majority voting, saying it had Britain wants the powers of to be "carefully weighed". any representative to be limited, with foreign policy kept woo praise from European largely in the hands of natdiplomats for her tireless travional governments. Nor is it elling since Italy took over the clear how a common defence EU presidency in January. policy could work. But offici-She was stung by the accusation of Richard Holbrooke, als said Signora Agnelli had forged a "warm relationship" with Malcolm Rifkind, the the senior US envoy. that Europe had "been asleep" Foreign Secretary, and that during the Bosnia crisis, and chaired a Balkan summit in had helped to create a "posi-Rome last month to put the tive mood" for Turin.

handled the emergency, re-quiring other members, through the Commission, to step in with their own quarantine and calls for slaughter. That view was summed up by Belgium's Le Soir yester-day. The country which endlessly lectured its pariners on the horrors of the common agricultural policy now ex-pected to be bailed out from Brussels, the paper said. In Germany, a tone of weary resignation has flooded the editorial columns, Klaus Kinkel, the Foreign Minister.

said the BSE crisis hardly helped at a time when Britain was already planning to dig in would launch the debate on its heels at the inter-governthree themes: common formental conference (IGC). eign policy, reform of institu-However, while the rest of tions and the rights of citizens. Europe has been congratulat-The summit had to give a "clear message" by affirming the "federal vocatioo" of the ing itself, the beef crisis has once again exposed all the flaws in the 15-member union EU in the run-up to the that was defined by the Maas-

right and wrong in the Euro-

pean enterprise as it embarks

on reform for the next century.

Instead of pulling together, as dictated by the "solidarity" preached in all the continental Euro-rhetoric, the moment the word was out on CJD, the national drawbridges were slammed shut to British beef. As Le Figaro said yesterday: "All those frontiers that were supposed to disappear suddenly sprang back and everyone tried to extract a bit of profit for himself out of the crisis.'

As the EU circus was beginning to fly into Turin for the first act of the year-long negotiation, the Commission's pollsters unearthed daunting news. Only 15 per cent of EU citizens were aware that the Union was about to launch its Maastricht review.



The Duke inspects Krakow's only functioning synagogue with Menahem Joskovitz, the Chief Rabbi of Poland

# **Ex-Communists welcome the Queen**

FROM ALAN HAMILTON IN PRACUE

**CENTRAL** Europe turned out in its thousands yesterday to see the Queen on her historic progress through the old Communist states, first in the late winter snow of Krakow and later in the warm spring sunshine of Prague. On the last day of her state

visit to Poland, the first by a reigning British monarch, a crowd defied foul weather and packed the main square of Poland's ancient and largely unspoilt capital to see the Oueen make a walkabout among glorious baroque architecture that has survived despite appalling pollution. Among the crowd was a small delegation from the Polish Monarchist League. Krakow has far more tradi-

tions of monarchy than does the modern capital of Warsaw. Not only was it the seat of Polish kings until the abolition of the throne in 1795, it subsequently fell under the relatively benign rule of the Austro-Hungarian Empire while much of the rest of the country was governed by Germans or Russians Letters, page 21

ing Mongols and was shot through the neck by a Tariar arrow in mid blow. In the Wawel cathedral on a

hill above the city, the Oueen laid a wreath on the tomb of General Sikorski, the wartime Polish military leader. The Duke of Edinburgh toured Krakow's former Jewish ghetto, still much as it was in prewar days and used for

the re-enactment of scenes in the film Schindler's List. Wearing the regulation kippah (black skullcap), he inspected the city's only remaining working synagogue, and saw an exhibition of a restoration project on some of the area's historic buildings being carried out with help from Edinburgh City Council.

Later in the day, the Queen

Queen admires a doll in regional costume Such was the efficiency of ethnic cleansing that today

historic buildings, the Queen there are barely 200. visited the vast. dark interior of St Mary's Church and heard the truncated bugle call flew to the Czech Republic, where again she is the first British reigning monarch to pay a state visit. She was that is sounded every hour from its soaring spire, in memory of the medieval cenwelcomed at Prague Castle by

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### WORLD SUMMARY

### **Robber of** royal gems faces jail

New York: A baggage han-dler at New York airport has pleaded guilty to stealing dia-mond jeweltery from the Duchess of York's luggage. Gilbert Terrero, 20, of Brooklyn, faces up to 18 months in prison (Quenon Letts writes). The disappearance of the jewels on December 4, which

included a necklace given to the Duchess by the Queen as a wedding present in 1986, creat-ed international headlines. Terrero, who had no idea of the owner of the gems, had taken some of the jewels to his family home in Brooklyn's Ozone Park, while others were found in his locker at work.

### Woman named 3-star general

New York: America's armed forces have nominated their first female three-star general (Quentin Letts writes). Carol Mutter, 50, a major-general in the Marines, has been recommended for promotion to lieutenant-general. The Senate is

public has less reason than Poland to offer hospitality to a not expected to object. General Mutter will be the Briosh monarch. Britain turned its back on Hitler's only woman among 108 threestar generals. One of the first takeover of Czechoslovakia in to congratulate her was her 1938 and 1939, yet went to war husband, James, a retired Marines colonel.

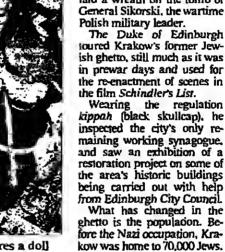
### **Okinawa** leader shuns US bases

Tokyo: The Governor of Oki-nawa said he would refuse to obey a court order to sign documents renewing leases for US military bases on the island and said he would appeal. Governor Masahide Ota's refusal will force Ryutaro Hashimoto, the Japanese Prime Minister, to sign the leases instead, (Reuter)

### Afghans hurt in

munitions blast

The ceremonies of welcome over, the President took the Kabul: Twenty-five Afghan United Nations mine-clearing Queen for a walk in the late experts were injured when a blast ripped through a afternoon sun across the Charles Bridge, one of Taleban munitions dump in Prague's great architectural monuments, where another the militia's southern strongcrowd of thousands offered hold of Kandahar, sources



Signora Agnelli said yester-Dayton peace accord back on day she hoped that Turin track.

During ber tour of the city's at the approach of the invad- dent. Vaclav Havel.

turion who sounded the alarm the recently widowed Presi-

warm applause to their rare royal visitor.

Historically, the Czech Re-

for Poland only months later.

But the European game is

different now: both countries

are prepared to court any

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President Havel told jour-

European Union and Nato.

nalists in the castle that Czech-

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for 1,000 years and that the

Oueen's visit was a symbol of

continuing good relationships.

that the Czech Republic was

anxious to join Western insti-

tudons. "If there is the will,

our membership of Nato

might precede EU member-

ship. Thal might be a desir-

able thing."

Pressed on specifics, he said

said. The cause of the explosion is unknown. (AFP)

### Why hardship drives Algerian militants seize 7 Trappists

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

SEVEN French Trappist monks were kidnapped from their Algerian monastery yes-terday by suspected Islamic terrorists, prompting the French Government to repeat calls for all French people resident in Algeria to return home immediately. The monks, aged between

50 and 80, were abducted from the Trappist Tibehirine monastery in the town of Medea. 50 miles south of Algiers. No ransom demand has been received, but the Government identified the kidnappers as human flesh. members of the Armed Islamic Group (GIA), the most militant of the tslamic groups fighting to topple the militarybacked Algerian Government. Hervé de Charette, the French Foreign Minister, immediately said that all 8.370 French citizens still living in Algeria, as well as tens of thousands of others holding dual French-Algerian nationality, should return to France. "I can only repeat, in the gravest and most solemn way, fo all French people still in Algeria ... you musi return." Since September 1993, 32 French cinzens have been murdered by militants in Alhe admitted killing and cut-ting up a friend, and using his flesh as the filling for pelmeni. geria. including seven belonging to religious orders. In 1994, the GIA vowed to eradia Russian version of ravioli. cate all "Jews, Christians and

polytheists" in Algeria. A French government spokesman said the abduction was "an odious act against a religious community".

> IN MEMORY OF ALAN FULLER

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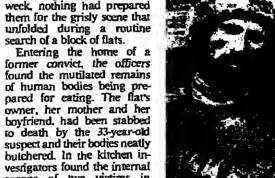
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**Russians to eat people** FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW WHEN police in the Crimean city of Sebastopol were called to investigate a murder this



organs of two victims in saucepans, and nearby on a plate a freshly-roasted piece of

Although the gruesome details of the killings have stunned Sebastopol, more shocking perhaps is the grow-ing evidence suggesting that cannibalism is not an isolated problem, but is rife in the former Soviet Union. In the past 12 months ten

people, from Siberia to St Petersburg, have been char-ged with killing and earing their victims. The authorities problems. are at a loss to explain the phenomenon. Last month

there were two cases of canni-balism. One man in the Siberian coal-mining town of Kemerovo was arrested after serial killers are sent.

Twice last year convicts in overcrowded prisons killed and ate their cellmates because they claimed they were hungry and wanted to he told the Moscow Times. Cannibalism, in particular.



could just be the grim legacy of Russia's tortured history this century, when time and again the population has resorted to eating human flesh to survive. The first recorded cases were during the famine of 1921, when the plight of the people in the Volga region was so great that a trade in human body parts flourished briefly. Mass outbreaks of cannibalism emerged again during the period of Stalin's collectivisation in the 1930s, when millions died of starvation in Ukraine and many resorted to ambushing and eating strangers and children. These were people who cut

the district centre under con-

voy. Her face was human but

her eyes were those of a wolf." Andrei Chikatilo, the notori-ous serial killer known as the

was eaten by starving peas-

ants in Ukraine. Aleksandr Bukhanovsky, a

criminal psychiatrist, said that the murderer's ghastly child-

hood memories triggered a

up and ate corpses, who killed their own children and ate A cannibal in the Volga during the 1921 famine them," wrote Vasili Grossrelieve overcrowding. Crimi-nal experts said that most man, a Soviet writer. "I saw one. She had been brought to

cases of cannibalism were part of the general rise of serial killings, which have increased because police resources are so stretched by rising crime and because of Russia's

"Rostov Ripper", provided a clue to his morbid obsession mounting economic and social before he was executed in 1994 Andrei Tkachenko, the di-rector of the Serbsky Psychiat-ric Centre in Moscow, where serial killers are sent for for murdering more than 50 people during his reign of terror in southern Russia. Under interrogation Chikaobservation, said that in the tilo, who not only raped and 1980s the centre received about butchered his victims but ate parts of their bodies, said he three or five pacents a year. had been haunted by the Now on average at least ten memory of his brother who

"If you were to get a complete figure, you would find that there are considerably more instances of serial murders in Russia now than anywhere else in the world," revulsion and the urge to perform similar acts.

# UN plea for Burundi

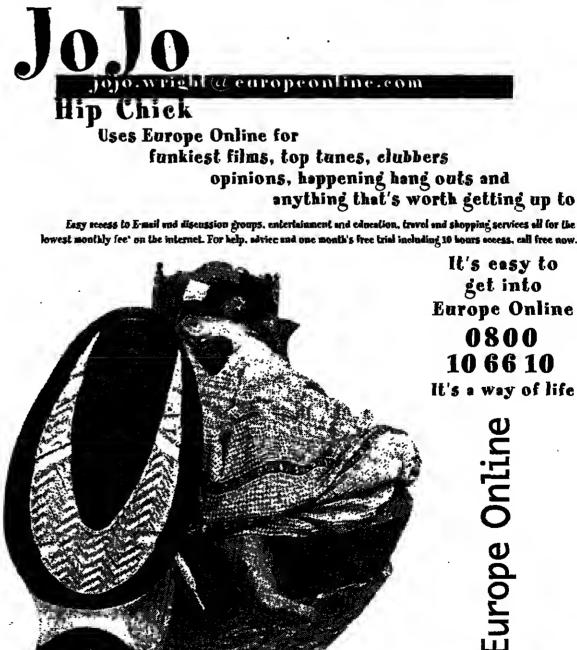
Geneva: A United Nations investigator accused the international community yesler-

day of playing "a game of hide and seek" with Burundi, while the country is going through a civil war that has left thousands dead (Peter

Capella writes). Paulo Sergio Pinherio, the UN special investigator on human rights in Burundi. little action had been taken. said that international at-

tempts to deal with the con frontation between rival ethnic groups in the past 11 months had been muddled and inadequate. They play to find extremists. But what are they doing to find them? Nothing," the investigator

said. He added that European countries in particular had shown much concern, but



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# Patten denounces Peking's plan for parallel rule

#### FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

CHRIS PATTEN, the Governor of Hong Kong, yesterday rejected Chinese proposals to set up a second legislature here, to extract a loyalty pledge from the Civil Service and to sideline the Governor, all before the 1997 handover of the colony.

China's newest blow to the colony, after Peking's humiliation in the Taiwan elections, was the suggestion that, once China has picked the mem-bers of a Provisional Legisla-tive Council, which will sit concurrently with the present wholly elected one, and designaled a chief executive lo replace Mr Panen on July I. 1997, "Mr Patten will inevita-bly become a loner". The idea

THE Privy Council yesterday

branded the Hong Kong Gov-ernment's treatment of four

Vietnamese boatpeople "an affront" to civilised standards,

urdering the immediate re-

lease of the one left in custody.

The reaction to the state-

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**Colony criticised** 

by Privy Council

By JONATHAN MIRSKY

was mooted by an "official". reliably reported to be Lu Ping, head of the State Council's China and Macau Affairs Office.

The official also said that, after the chief executive has appointed his senior officials from among serving senior civil servants here, "it will be impossible for those officials to work under Mr Patten in the morning and under the instruction of the chief executive in the afternoon. I have to ask Mr Patten how the British-Hong Kong Covernment will operate. I do not know how Mr Patten can pass his

nese treaty, which states that the British Government will exercise full authority in the colony until its flag is lowered. The official also affirmed

> sional legislature. This will force them to choose between Peking's orders and the policy of the Hong Kong Government, which denies the legitimacy of the Provisional Legislative Council, which will come into being at least six months before the handover. It will number among its hand-picked members t4 of those elected last year to the present council, which China says it will abolish on July I, 1997. There will then be two councils and two de facto Governors in

place. Mr Patten said in response to the Chinese threats: "Government is not something you can turn on and off like an electric kettle. Government goes on. We have a poliocally neutral Civil Service." It would serve its present master loyally, Mr Patten said, and subsequently the post-1997 government. "Anyone who does not understand that, does

free society under the rule of It has already been suggest-ed here that John Major should implement his guaran-

tee, given during his recent trip to Hong Kong, that if the colony's liberty appears to be threatened by its future sovereign Britain would seek international legal redress.

Singapore: Hong Kong will remain the main port for southern China despite the tween Taipei and Peking, a leading Taiwanese newspaper development of ports in that region and even if Peking and Taipej establish direct trade said yesterday. links, Tony Clark, secretary of the Hong Kong Port Development Board, said.

Hong Kong now acts as the world port for China, particufrom New York. larly for Guangdong. The question is, will Hong Kong remain the main port for being held inland, were said to be less menacing than the previous exercises, which dissouthern China as other ports rupted shipping in the Taiwan in the area are developed. Our assessment is that it will." he told a ports conference. (AFP) ble of being turned quickly

what his deputy had said, that senior civil servants would have to be loyal to the provi-

Yigal Amir. flanked by policemen, being escorted into court yesterday for sentencing

MARINE AN REPORT OF CONTRACT

# China 'staging fresh wargames'

#### FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN TAIPEI

CHINESE troops are staging into actual attacks. The report a new round of mock battles cited sources close to the Chinese military. Officials in Taiwan and China would not against Taiwan, despite apparent conciliatory tones becomment.

Yin Tsung-wen, the director of Taiwan's National Security Bureau, said yesterday that The exercises are smaller than the ones that ended on China was expected to conduct Monday, the United Daily exercises on mountains and urban terrain that resembled News reported in a dispatch Taiwan. The manoeuvres, reportedly

The exercises, code-named Success 965," were reported in several cities and mountains in Fujian and Guangdong provinces. They involved troops from the 27th and 63rd legions, based in the

Peking military zone. About 180,000 troops were taking part in the exercises, compared to the \$00,000 in three rounds of earlier wargames which were calculated to intimidate Taiwan, the paper reported.

In a separate report, the Linited Daily News quoted unidentified military officials as saying Taiwan would es-tablish three bases for Patriot missiles in northern Taiwan to help to defend the capital city of Taipei. Bases would be set up in Nankang, Linkou and Wanli for the missiles, which would be delivered from the

# Gunman holds seven hostage

# THE TIMES THURSDAY MARCH 28 1996

# Killer of Rabin. harangues court after life sentence

### FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

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tenced yesterday for the preof the accused." meditated murder of Yitzhak Amir. an extreme right-Rabin, the Israeli Prime Minwing former law student. ister, whom he assassinated showed little emotion when last November in a religiously sentence was passed. The inspired attempt to derail the judges were dismissive of depeace process with the Palesfence claims that he had tinians. Amir showed no reintended only to wound Ramorse when the life sentence bin, 73, rather than kill him Amir. flanked by police,

Conspiracy theories that stood confidently with hand surround the controversial on hip and addressed the killing are likely to be heightened today when a 368page report by the State Commission of Inquiry on the lamentable performance of 1srael's security services is published. One-third of the report is classified as secret.

Judicial experts said Amir was likely to spend the rest of his life in a special cell complex for his own safety. A number of Israeli prisoners have already issued a warning that an attempt would be made to kill Amir.

was read out.

Moshe Negbe, a legal expert, told Israel radio that Amir was an unlikely candidate for a normal presidential pardon and that the additional six-year consecutive sentence he received for wounding one of Rabin's bodyguards was therefore "meaningless".

Given the huge public interest, the Tel Aviv court allowed its verdict to be broadcast live. Oded Mudrik, one of the three judges who delivered the expected verdict, said: "Behind bars and within the prison

United States late this year, it

Ghali, the United Nations

Secretary General, who met

Chinese leaders here during a

four-day visit to China, said

that Taiwan could never be a

UN member "unless there is a

change of mind in China," (James Pringle writes). Meanwhile, the Chinese

Foreign Ministry said Ameri-

ca would face the "resolute opposition" of China and its

people if Taiwan's newly elect-

ed President, Lee Teng-hui,

was allowed to accept an

the opportunity to make good

blackout that had been im-

the incident. (Reuter)

The police opened negotia-

his escape.

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court for about four minutes before being stopped by Edmond Levy, the chief judge, who had shown little patience with him during the trial because of his attempts to use the stand as a platform for his militant views. In his speech. Amir also said: "Everything I did, I did

for the people of Israel. for the Torah [Bible] of Israel. for the land of Israel. Whoever tries to break this link between these things will not succeed." When Judge Levy cut him

off, Mr Amir said: "May God help you." Later. as he was marched out of the packed court, he shouted: "The state of Israel is a monstrosity."

Passing sentence. Judge Levy said Amir "is unworthy of anything except pity, in that he has lost all semilance of humanity ... He decided that putting the late Prime Minisier to death was the last way to stop the political process which he did not like, and he followed this path to its end."

> Briton rejected freedom

BY LEYLA LINTON AND JONATHAN MILLER IN BANGKOK

CHRISTOPHER HOWES. the Brirish charity worker taken hostage in northwestern Cambodia, rejected an offer of freedom because he did not want to abandon his Cambo-

dian colleagues. The kidnappers, believed ¥ be Khmer Rouge deserters, told him to go to negotiate a ransom, but Mr Howes, 36, a Falklands ex-serviceman, refused. Instead, he persuaded the bandits to release nine captives. Others escaped and the rest, except Mr Howes's

#### Refugees has steadily lost touch with the camps and the Government bas been left with the task of forcing their repatriation to an unco-operative Vietnam. The boatpeople now number 20.000 after the often reluctant repatriation of more

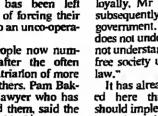
ment by Michael Beloff. QC. who held that "the right to than 46,000 others. Pam Bakliherty is second only to the er, a British lawyer who has right to life itself", will revive long defended them, said the what has been Hong Kong's decision would have promost biner domestic political issue, and will weaken the found significance for many others in the camps, some of whom have been detained for Government's claim that it is a beacon of legality and more than 15 years.

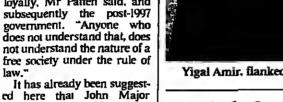
The ruling concerns four Vietnamese who have been have been refused re-entry to denied refugee status. one of Vietnam, often on the whnm has been detained for grounds that they are not six years. The four fled here genuine Vietnamese, and are with papers from the Taiwan being held without trial. Government, claiming that Mr Beloff said there was

Hanoi denied them citizenship and seeking recognition Many Hong Kong people may find themselves seeking refugee status in less than two detention should continue. years'. However, most resent the fact that the colony has been forced to support the boatpeople. The United Nations High Commissioner for China resumes control.

The Privy Council noted that at least 400 boatpeople

'no realistic prospect of release" for many camp in-mates, and that they must be set free unless the Government can show why their Peking has emphasised repeatedly that it wants the Vietnamese repatriated or sent to other countries before





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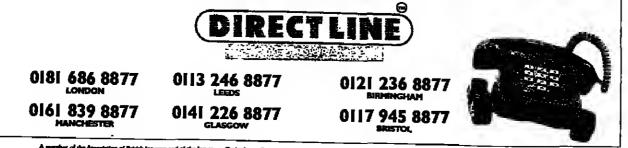
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Leienkaul, Germany: A gunimmediately clear how the man seized seven hostages, four of them children, in a other five family members apparently had managed to western German village yesterday and threatened to kill them if his demands were not

met, the police said. They said the 45-year-old gunman had originally held 12 members of his own extended family captive, but it was not

#### get away. The unnamed man from Mannheim was holding his hostages in a relation's house in Leienkaul, a village in rolling hills oear Koblenz, on

the Rhine. He was demanding 500,000 marks (5220,000) and

# Jackson's star dims in Oscars fiasco

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

AS HOLLYWOOD returns groggily to work, it has be-come clear that the only real loser on Oscar night was the Rev Jesse Jackson.

Mr Jackson's protest over the under-representation of blacks in films, which began with the revelation that only one Oscar nominee was African-American, has turned into a political damp squib and a personal humiliation.

After Whoopi Goldberg, the black actress, mocked him in front of a billion television viewers on Monday, Mr Jack-son was dismissed yesterday by Patricia Turner, a professor of African-American Studies at the University of California, as "an unduly opportunistic man grasping for straws".

Mr Jackson urged Californian supporters to join him on Oscar night with banners and slogans outside ABC television's Los Angeles affiliate, but barely two dozen turned up. He urged the eight black celebrities appearing as presenters to wear rainbowcoloured ribbons in recogni-tion of his Rainbow Coalition, but only the producer, Quincy

Jones, did so. Claiming in the aftermath of Hollywood's night of stars to be "at the centre of debate", Mr Jackson may have been accurate. But that debate concerns his judgment. Publi-cists for Ms Goldberg and Mr Jones told the Los Angeles Times that both considered the Oscars the wrong time and place for a protest.



Zia: stopped short of tendering resignation

### Zia bows to pressure for election

Dhaka: Begum Khalida Zia, the Prime Minister of Bangladesh, gave in to months of pressure yesterday and asked President Biswas to set up a caretaker government to oversee fresh elections, state television said.

Earlier, senior officials told the President that they could not work from today unless the country's political crisis was resolved.

The Prime Minister reiterated her pledge to hold an election in May, it was reported. However, her move stopped short of meeting opposition demands that she resign by yesterday.

Ayubur Rahman, Bangladesh's most senior civil servant, signed a statement saying: The administration, economy and law and order have all collapsed. As there is no obstacle to ... a caretaker government, we have suggested to the President that it be formed immediately." Opposition parties have

staged a series of strikes to try to force Begum Zia to resign and call new elections under a neutral body. (Reuter)

interpreter, were set free later Roy Howes, 68, from Bristol, said he was not surprised by his son's bravery. "He is just an ordinary Englishman tions by telephone, but said an doing his job," he said.

early end to the siege was not in sight. They lifted a news Mr Howes was seized with up to 28 volunteers on Tuesday as he supervised mineclearing. Yesterday, two Camposed after the gunman said bodian policemen were killed he would kill himself and his hostages if the media reported by landmines as they helped to search for him.



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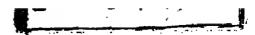
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### **EDUCATION** 17

QUESTIONS FROM LAST YEAR

On day four of our guide to the national curriculum tests, Rebecca Girling and Mal Rivers explain maths testing

# Count on a calculated success



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aprecedented anention has focused on children's mathematical ability and by implication the effecoveness of leaching methods - in recent months. As IIyear-olds approach the national lests, parents as well as teachers will be more keen than ever to help their children prepare. Most pupils will be sitting

lest papers which are designed to assess an ability span from national curriculum Level 3 to Level 5. It is expected that an average 11-year-old will reach Level 4 in these tests, although fewer than half did so last year.

There are also extension papers for the extremely able, set at a standard generally beyond the scope of primary schoolchildren. Practical tasks

administered in the classroom will provide an alternative for children judged to be performing below Level 3.

The lests form part of a compifation of assessments. some carried out by the teacher, which are required at the age of II (the end of Key Stage 2). The assessments are intended to reflect the child's performance in class over a period, and they are completed



Children at Sudborne Primary School, in Brixton, south London, which, like the authors' school, was highlighted by Ofsted for producing among the year's best results. This year pupils will have 45 minutes per paper. 10 minutes more than last year

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within the space of a week well than they were able starting on May 13. The two mathematics papers will be included in this intense week of testing. Test A will be on May 13 and a small minority of children will take the extension paper on May 20. This year, the time for each

paper has been increased from must be used. 35 minutes to 45 minutes. although the number of questions will be similar. Last year many children performed less

because the time was insufficient for the task set. There will be less confusion about the allowed use of calculators because Test A this year will be a non-calculator paper and in Test B there will be clear indication where calculators The questions will aim to

number; shape, space and measures: and data handling.

There will be about twice as Try not to raise your child's many questions on number as level of anxiety by imposing the other two areas. The revision programm questions will be graduated in Encourage children to read where required.

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best of their ability may like to Tell them to cross out any consider the following: 50 % 40 MATHS 30 **TESTS 1995** 20

Check answers - if time Encourage your children to talk about maths and to ex-Over Over plain to you how to solve Over Over Over Explain how to make a graph of daily rainfall for a week, interrogating the data for a mean and range. Your child could describe properties of shapes such as a parallelogram and show you how to use a mirror to identify reflec-All of these are more important than being able to recire tables by rote if the child is then unable to use those tables in problem solving. Ten per cent of the total marks are allocated to the children's explanation mathematical ideas. oſ If you don't understand Here are three badge concepts such as the probability scale, rotational symmetry or pie charts, ask your child's leacher to explain them to you so that you can then discuss these with your 11-year-old. Your child's school will probably be giving practice in timed tests in order to alleviate anxiety as far as possible and will be revising maths concepts learnt over the past four

years (Key Stage 2). The week of the tests is far from a normal school week and children may appear stressed and tired. Try to be understanding, while not de-valuing the importance of the week. At the end of the week, think of some treats that are

fun and relaxing. You will be given the results of the tests and teacher assessments (which have equal weighting) before the end of the summer term on your child's report. You should also be given opportunity to discuss your child's results with the teacher.

We have been assured that children have more chance of achieving their potential this year than last. Good luck!

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Maths: a problem area MATHEMATICS was the blackspot of last year's pilot run of the national curriculum lests for 11-year-olds. The 44 per cent reaching the expected Level 4 was lower than in either English or science.

Girls generally did better than boys, but slightly more boys reached the higher levels of the curriculum. As in other subjects, teacher assessment

produced more generous reults than the tests. The tests covered number. algebra, shape and space, and handling data, as they will next term. Pupils had most difficulty with shape, space and probability. vised to acquaint children with the language associated with probability for this year's Questions on number and

answers.

the interpretation of graphs Relatively few pupils were and tables produced the highentered for the extension est success rate. But the exterpaper, which covered concepts nal examiners found that normally tackled in secondary many II-year-olds struggled school. Less than half of 1 per when they had to give explacent passed this test, and those nations or reasons for their who did attempt the paper found particular difficulty in Many pupils appeared not the ordering of fractions, and the calculation of ratios and percentage increases.

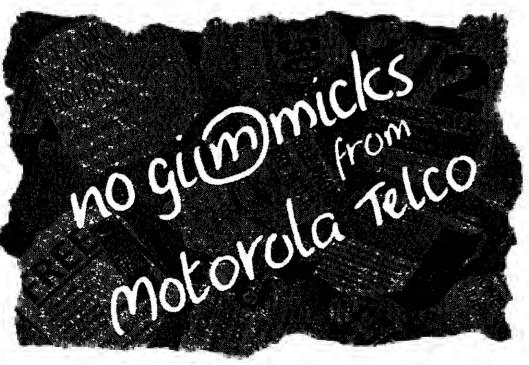
to be familiar with the mathe-matical terms used in the questions for Levels 3-5. In JOHN O'LEARY particular, schools were ad-

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difficulty, with the first ones on each paper aimed at pupils with Level 3 ability followed by much more difficult problems which are aimed at the aboveaverage 11-year-old. Parents who want to help

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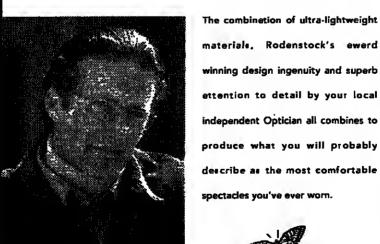
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# Women who trade faces

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here are moments in life when a woman simply has to take on a new image, says Joe Joseph

Then Sarah Ferguson's drawn, unsmiling, blanched face and kohl-rimmed blanched face eyes appeared on the front of Hello! this week, many people must have assumed that the world-hopping Duchess of York had volunteered to take part in some health education campaign to warn about the drain-

Then we found out that she had actually spent several hours with a make-up artist trying to achieve this ghostly Morticia Addams look. Like those odd people who go to fancy-dress parties amusingly kitted out as accident victims.

tis certainly not a wash-and-go style, even for someone who doesn't have to rush to work first thing in the morning. Fancy photographic techniques and possibly computer enhancement may have heightened the ashen, single-chin look,

But what makes women who, until now, have been happtly photographed as mumsy girls-next-door feel they suddenly have to play the vamp? The Princess of Wales did it, famously, in front of Patrick Demarchelier's flattering lens. The Duchess of Kent called on Snowdon, and later Demarchelier. when she wanted to show new faces to the world.

Emma Thompson did it for Vanity Fair, and Anthea Turner made a lunge at losing her Saturday-evening-family-entertainer image by posing for Tatler in a way that made her look sexyish, though

To quite femme farole. "Quite often," says psychologist Dr Dorothy Rowe, "all of us will change something about our appearance when we feel we've moved into a new phase in our lives. It may be just a maner of getting rid of a garment or a hairstyle."

Or maybe even your senses. Dr Martin Skinner, a psychologist at Warwick University, agrees that "people do go for a completely different look when there's been some big disjunction in their lives

- after a breakup or when they have got a new job." But hasn't she aped the Princess Diana Fanorama look, with the black-rimmed eyes?

"Fergie quite often follows the Princess," Dr Rowe says. "Di works out, so does Fergie, Di uses

kohl, so does Fergie." But Diana doesn't walk around like she's just finished an eight-hour shift in a flour mill. What's the white face all about? Probably from women's mags for lipsrick and mascara. If you squint hard enough, the restructured Fergie even has something of the pallid Marianne Faithfull about her, Borrowing looks from other women is a peculiarly female hobby. You

a woman thing: you don't often come across men who say they're gonna wash that girl right outta their hair. You don't spot Stephen Dorrell going for a session of aromatherapy, or a spending spree in Bond Street boutiques, to lift his spirits and take his mind off

This may be because men tend to spend about four minutes on their daily grooming, which includes shaving and spraying cologne on yesterday's work shirt, and they can see that something like Fergie's makeover looks high-maintenance. often overhear women in hairdress-Even if Fergie could spare seven

hours every morning to paint her face and suck her cheeks in, she would need an extra staff of four.

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She would also need a thick enough skin to step out of her front door in daylight looking like a plumper version of a blanched Michael Jackson. Diana hasn't been half as ambitious in her redesign. and even she still can't do her own hair.

o what possessed Fergie? "She's had a lot of bad press recently," says Dr Skinner, "and you don't do something as dramatic as this by accident. She must have known what effect it would have, so maybe it's a signal that she is making a radical departure."

to change her appearance as frequently as other people change their sheets, all the way from Sarah Shell-Suit to the latest version -Sarah Supermodel though still not Sarah Sexy). Fergie has turned into a human pinball. Each time you think she is about to come to rest. she bucks off again like a bullet in a completely unpredictable direction. And she usually does her dramatic makeovers in public. She has indulged Hello! 15 times since January 1995 alone.

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What, another one? Fergie seems

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'It seems to me." says Dr Rowe, "she's never done anything to avoid the media. I wonder if she's one of these people who needs to be noticed? You experience your sense of existence in your reladonship to other people. If you have a lot of

self-confidence, you don't need all the world to love you.

"But if you feet you don't have good, loving relationships with the people around you, and you feet you're very much on your own, and you don't feel good about yourself. and you feel that if you're not noticed you'll just disappear, then you'll do almost anything to get noticed. Fergie's been excluded from so much oow. She even has to buy her own postage stamps. She's pretty isolated. The pictures are a way of saying, hey, I'm still here, take notice."

But where have all the freckles gone?

"Women often have hang-ups about freckles. You get teased about them at school and there's nothing you can do about them.

Maybe Fergie is miserable and she's covered them with white make-up."

Dr Skinner adds that "most blemishes on the face - scars, pigmentation, spots - we don't tike. But freckles are somehow accepted, especially on children, though children can be self-conscious about them. You can't control freckles, so as an adult you might want to cover them up. Neil Kinnock has freckles. But a white face? It doesn't really go with red hair."

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Dr Rowe points out that Fergie has debts, "and we all do all sorts of things when we need the money".

Dr Skinner scratches his head, as bemused as the rest of us by Fergie's antics: "She could have done it for a bet. Who knows?"

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The side effects of ginseng are quite well-known. But few doctors would know that, for instance, hawthorn extract is a natural beta-blocker or that Pennyroyal, sometimes prescribed for indigestion. can be lethal.

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Famous makeovers: the Princess of Wales changed her image in front of Partick Demarchelier's lens, while the Duchess of Kent called in Snowdon. The Duchess of York (centre) prefers the Morticia look ers asking for a Helena Christiansen cut, but it's rare to see a man asking for a "Jeremy Paxman" or a "Bobby Charlton". Makeovers in general tend to be

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day there would be a suspicion that the pipes running atong the roof of the tunnel and lagged in flaking, ageing asbestos might be responsible for killing him. That doctor now has a

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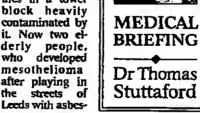
the tumour is rare unless the exposure, even if not particularly heavy, lasts for at least six months.

The anxious doctor, always scurrying to answer one emergency call after another and therefore slightly out of breath, would probably have

had sauntered through the underground passages and taken normal breaths. Not all types of asbestos are harmful. But the hazards of expo-

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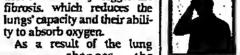
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### CJD and the age factor

THE scientists studying Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease and its links with BSE have concluded that on the balance of probability. though little is known about the mechanisms of the spread of such diseases, children are onlikely to be any more at risk of catching it from eating beef than are adults.

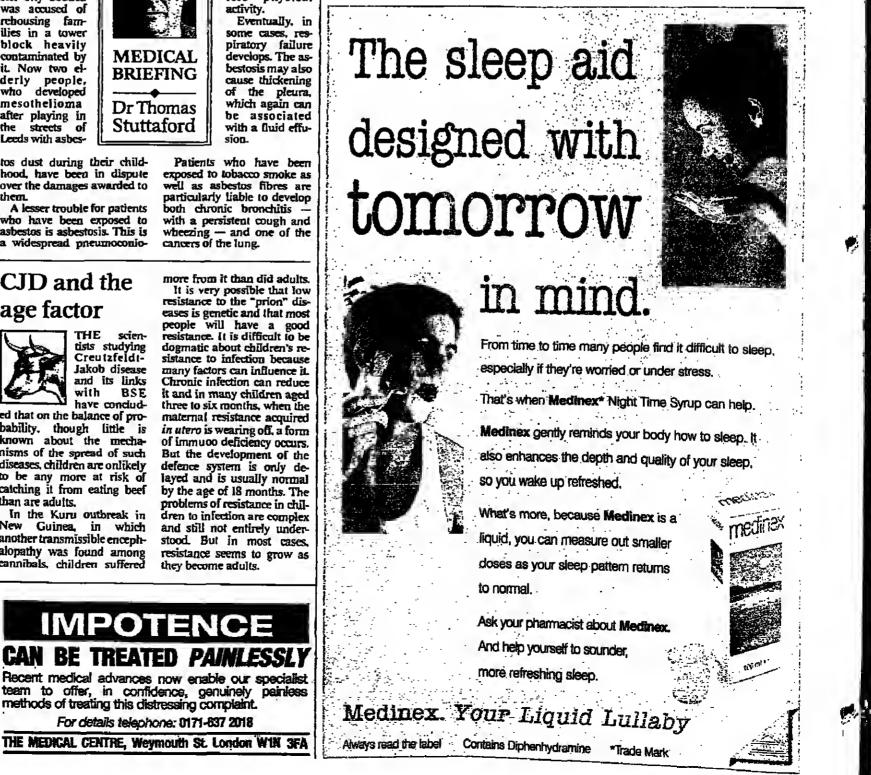
In the Kuru outbreak in New Guinea, in which another transmissible encephalopathy was found among cannibals, children suffered

eases is genetic and that most people will have a good resistance. It is difficult to be dogmatic about children's resistance to infection because many factors can influence it. Chronic infection can reduce it and in many children aged three to six months, when the maternal resistance acquired in utero is wearing off. a form of immuoo deficiency occurs. But the development of the defence system is only delayed and is usually normal by the age of 18 months. The problems of resistance in children to infection are complex and still not entirely understood. But in most cases, resistance seems to grow as



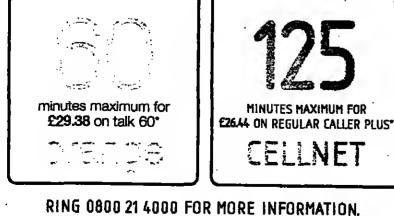
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# Jools the obscure

Mary Riddell meets Jools Holland, jazz genius and lighthouse builder,

lighthouse next. Jools Holland thinks. "We'll build it just there." he says, gesturing out of the window past the porter's room, the ladies' lavatory and the platform benches of the cute little railway station he has constructed. One can only marvel both at

the accommodating nature of the south London planning authorities and the grandeur of Holland's vision. His loytown offices are called Helicon Mountain, after the Greek island where poets discovered their muse - a title which seems a touch flamboyant for .M suburban hillock with panoramic gasworks views.

Until you walk down to the ties, followed by The Tube, in end of the road, where the small, stone-clad semis are the smarter versions of the nearby homes where Holland grew up, impoverished and flitting from the debt collectors. Not that he makes a big deal

about his past. "If you're going to be a musician, it's all right to come from a big city suburb and be expelled at 15. A bit like Eton and the Guards for old Tory Prime Ministers." Holland's own finishing school was a stint with a band

called Squeeze in the Seven-

which he was cast as Paula Yates's screen husband and castigated for swearing on air. The point where he switched from B-list cult figure to serious musician is not absolutely clear, possibly because he so adroitly mastered the difficult art of making accessifor cosy domesticity. ble the difficult and the obscure. His music programme, Later, is running on BBC2, he has just finished a stint with

who used to find talking about his private life excruciating

Jazz FM, and this week he will play five concerts with his 12piece band, the Rhythm and Blues Orchestra. A fine jazz planist, he is putting the last

only to sustain him but the family to which he would been reported. become guardian. His brother Christopher plays with the We were at Bamburgh band, his brother Richard

runs his recording studio, and the office is managed by a middle-aged cousin. But Jools Holland was never groomed

His relationship with a hair-dresser called Mary Leahy, with whom he had two children, fell apart on the day that he visited Bamburgh Castle to film for The Tube, met its 23year-old mistress. Christabel,

Any mention of

about the difficulties. It's just that it wasn't like it's always

filming Bryan Ferry, and Christabel was there because she was a friend of his wife, Lucy. She didn't live at the castle - never has done - and that story must have been quite annoying for the people who did. So, no, it wasn't like the chatelaine floating down in a nightie with a cup of tea for the film crew.

"Afterwards we didn't meet again for ages. I've blanked exactly what happened, although I wrote it all down in a diary. Her husband, Lord Durham, had gone off with

It must, you imagine, be devastating to see a parent so shamed, but Jools Holland has always managed to rationalise the unthinkable. Above his desk is pinned a press clipping about Keith Moore, the accountant who stole £6 million from Sting. Holland, another of his celebrity clients, lost money too, but his chief resentment is for what he still sees as a system geared to the privileged. "I thought Moore's sentence

was too short, and my dad's was too long. It didn't seem fair." And so the magazine cutting remains, a lone reminder of a harsher world in the station-master's office, filled with model trains and vintage Dinky toys. The sort of clutter reminiscent, perhaps, of a lost childhood.

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point, they say, to psycho-logical problems developing among bright women whose fathers value their

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# Discrimination that makes women sick

Sue Corrigan on the health price high-achievers may pay

CAN SEXISM make women sick? According to two American psychologists it can and, for millennia, it has. Professors Brett Sil-

verstein and Deborah Perlick, psychologists at two New York universities. say they have identified a syndrome that has afflicted talented and ambitious women at least since the days of the ancient Greeks. The symptoms of what they have christened Anxious Somatic Depression Syndrome include eating disorders, depression, anxiety, severe headaches, insomnia and menstrual They cite disturbances.

In a contenthe tious new book. The Cost of daughters Competence, to be published in of Freud, the UK shortly, Silverstein and Marx and Perlick argue that these symp-toms are "all Darwin components of a

single disorder . got who all that for centuries has suffered from chronic and plagued women who have been brought up in genderbiased societies", Large numbers of smart, ambitious women, they say, have paid with their

health and peace of mind for wanting to achieve in areas traditionally reserved for males. Their hypothesis is greet-

ed with some scepticism by British psychologists and psychiatrists. This is a narrowly feminist perspective," says Dr Janet Treasure, consultant psychiatrist at Bethlem and Maudsley Hospital's Eating Disorders Unit in south

London. "It is only one way of looking at the issues involved and is far from being proved." The two American psy-

chologists insist, however, that healthcare experts are failing to recognise a persistent pattern of illness. Victims of their newlynamed syndrome are women who define them-

eanore, Charles Darwin's Henrietta and Albert Einstein's stepdaughter Marmysterious illnesses, with depression, headaches and insomnia. The authors measured the incidence among college students of purging using laxatives, diurctics or self-induced vomiting to control weight Among women who reported that in childhood they placed much more importance on their own academic achievement than on their household skills, and that their fathers considered their mothers unintelligent, more than a third reported purging. Roughly one in five of

the students said either that they felt their mothers had been very limited by being female, or that they felt guilty over having better lives than their mothers, or that they minimised their own accomplishments so that their mothers would not feel bad about themselves.

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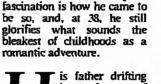
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touches to the band's album, Sex and Jazz ond Rock and Roll, which will be released shortly

He is half-sitting, half-lying on a leather chesterfield in his station-master's office, and it is fair to say that he does not instantly evoke great allure. His jumper is ancient, his frayed cords a violent shade of pumpkin.

In addition, he coughs as he scratches as he talks, very fast and rather nervously. He knows that - excellent musician as he is - the great



in and out of a traw round different homes, oil lamps because there was no money to pay the electricity bill and a family split up when his parents' marriage fell apart. "I don't think it damaged me. I'd prefer to substitute the word abuse with experience. The worst thing about my parents was not the split but the reunion.

"I was having a nice, frenzied time with no one to bother me when that happened. Not long after they got back togeth-er, 1 moved out." He was 15. with no qualifications but the ability, nurtured by an uncle in his grandma's front room. to play jazz piano. It would be enough - not his partner Christabel

reduces him to incoherent bouts

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Lady Durham, and fell instantly in love. Or so the story goes. It looks for a while as if this version will stand,

because any mention of Christabel, now his partner of almost a decade, reduces him to incoherent bouts of coughing and scratching. Does she, you wonder, work in addition to looking after the

children - her son, Fred. II. their five-year-old daughter, Mabel, and Jools's children, George and Rosie, 11 and ten, who visit at weekends? "Well yes, I think she does. She ointed." works here sometimes, arrang-

The most puzzling thing is how Jools — funny, likeable, but rendered almost speechless by any topic verging on the personal - actually got round to forming his relationship, let alone coping with the bitter rifts which it must have provoked "Look, I'm not shy," he says

suddenly. "You have to be a bit of a show-off to succeed in music. And yes, you're right

some woman, and Christabel was travelling through Newcastle when we met again. "And that time we stayed together. Yes, I think we will get married now. There you

are, a scoop. It would be nice. A big party. a lovely party, maybe fancy dress. Do people do that for weddings?" What-ever the correct social code might be in the relationship between a member of the aristocracy and the south London boy made good, it was violently breached soon after their relationship began. Jools's father stole Christabel's jewellery, worth E35,000, and served 15 months in prison. Jools has always said that his father was tempo-

rarily soft in the head, but the cause was clearly more complex. Drink? Envy? Well. maybe it was drink as well. It was a lot harder for him than for me. I wasn't the person who had to go to prison. I was just disapp-

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But that is far too complicated. If he wanted toys, Holland says, he would buy himself big, flash cars and grown-up gadgets, but he has no wish for such obvious symbols of success. The lighthouse will do.

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# All good exams come in threes The Dearing reforms echo 1944,

but they will be none the worse for that, says Paul Barker

History never quite repeats

itself. Far more children were

consigned to secondary mod-

ern schools than will now go

off down this half-work, half-

school channel. It shows how

our society has changed, part-

ly through the successes of teachers (sometimes against the

odds), and partly because of

prospered. Their emblematic home is much-mocked Milton

Keynes: as good a symbol as one could find of the white-

collar way that most people live now. I can imagine app-

lied A levels in tourism being

ing into what is often called the underclass. They are clustered in certain city districts (Hack-

ney. Newham) or desolate

towns (Oldham, Hartlepool).

It will be a generation before we know whether Sir Ron's

third way has helped them. or

Meanwhile, the meritocrats

will rise and rise, clutching

their hard-won gold-standard

diplomas. In a deal specifically

squared with Labour, Sir Ron

will look next at the universi-

ties, where a similar tripartite

rans.

orthodoxy was first questioned

by the last Labour Prime

Minister, Lord Callaghan.

Like John Major he is not a

graduate, and perhaps for that

reason he knows the value of

The most notorious re-

meritocratic achievements.

Meritocrats

will rise,

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diplomas

division is already

emerging: the half-

dozen world-class

institutions, the two

dozen top-of-the-range, and the also-

All of this is part

of a growing cross-

party consensus on

education. Remem-

ber that the 1960s

hindered them still more.

great demand here. But the unskilled are shrink-

the new pattern of jobs. The middle ranges of soc-iety have swelled and, mostly,

The rise of the meritoc-racy continues. Sir Ron History never quite repe Dearing's nosebagful of proposals for school new confirms it. Sift through the chaff of educationspeak (why do the people who oversee teachers always use such robotic language?), and you will see that essentially Sir Ron is continuing the trend away from the homogenised, pasteurised school. This shift began when it

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became clear that in many places, especially in cities. the comprehensive school and mixed-ability classes would never deliver the promised goods, much less (as egalitarians hoped) the Promised Land. Instead of a single, imposed pattern, the ideal is now for the school to be a kaleido-scope — a multitude of patterns. A kaleidoscope has three sides. So did the great water-shed Education Act of 1944. It foresaw a grand tripar-tite system of free grammar schools, technical schools and, for the rest, secondary modern schools. Like all reforms in British schools since the late Victorians made elementary education compulsory,

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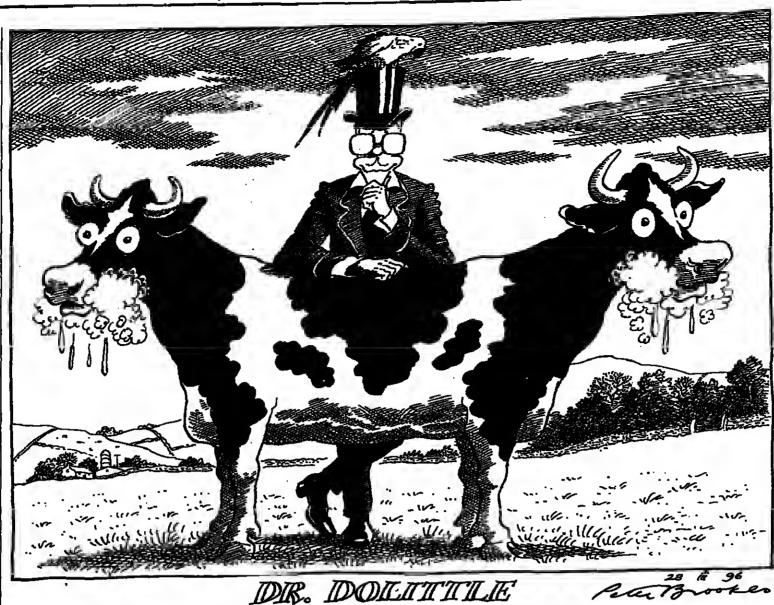
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ag th: the Act avowedly aimed at catching up with the Ger-mans. Sir Ron makes the same Dr comparison (and tosses in the Japanese for good measure). But the vision was never achieved. Few technical schools were created. Eventually, the grammar school cream was stirred diff

into the secondary modern whey. And that, for the time being, was that. But Sir Ron is reinventing, if

not the wheel, then at least the kaleidoscope. On the one hand, there will be special, tougher, A levels - what the Education Secretary, Gillian Shephard, calls "the gold standard". The belief that some (such as English) have become easier to pass must be rooted

marks in our education history (public school and Oxford) were uttered by Anthony Crosland, the minisout. On the other hand, there who launched the nov abandoned homogenisation. will be new "applied" A levels They are reported in his wife's memoir: "'If it's the last thing I do. I'm going to destroy every f\*\*\*\*\*g grammar school in England, he said. And Wales. These are the alternative goals And Northern Ireland.' Why not Scotland?' I asked out of until 17 or 18, and who should, pure curiosity. 'Because their schools come under the Secretary of State for Scotland.' He began to laugh at his inability to destroy their grammar schools." The present Prime Minister may not get the swathe of grammar schools revivals he called for in a speech last week, but these new proposals will eventually deliver something very close. Sir Ron is the man trusted, by all parties, to carry the torch of progress. In old arithmetic books, one of the the first lessons was the Rule of Three. In Latin classes, the first text pupils read told them that Julius Caesar divided Gaul into three parts. It is, traditionally, a magic number. Let's hope it casts the spell. The author is a senior fellow of the Institute of Community Studies.



# Not just bad luck best available advice, was that there

The Government failed to get a grip on BSE and has only itself to blame

confirms some points I made about BSE on Monday, and adds others. ly frightened of eating beef: even those who regard the risk as negligi-He agrees that it is an old, but rare, disease in cattle, and recalls treating a cow with "typical signs of BSE" in 1962. He agrees that BSE is more ble are put off by the fact that there is a risk at all. Parents are alarmed by likely to be a cow rather than a sheep the risk to their children. The hamburger, whether made of British prion disease, and points out that only one experiment, in the United or any other beef, has become an States in 1979, has succeeded in object of almost superstitious horror.

It may be true that one is no more likely to catch Creutzfeldt-Jakob from British beef than one is to win the Lottery. That is not much of an argument to use to the British public, 90 per cent of whom have bought lottery tickets in the hope of winning. If one

applies the simple test of "how would I a genetic susceptibility, in addition to coming into contact with the organbehave in their shoes?", the deci-sion of the Euro-pean Union to ban British beef was ob-viously inevitable. ism. That would help to account for so large a cow epidemic of BSE producing so few human cases. Dr Cullen adds an interesting comment on the epidemic of Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease as a result of cannibalism in If the potentially New Guinea. "The women took the brain tissue of the dead person and diseased animals

beef, not about European beef. We see Europe as wanting to have it both ways. The motto of the EU is supposed to be that of the three musketeers: "One for all, all for one." When it comes to British beef, we seem to be left to fight alone, despite the offer of an unspecified amount of cash. Yesterday on the Today pro-gramme, a Swedish lady explained that Britain could not expect to win

every issue in Europe. (The Swedish accent can sound unbearably condescending to the British ear.) The trouble is that we do not think that we

win any issues nowadays. The European beef ban has come at a difficult moment, before the Turin conference and the IGC. How can any British Government make

spectacle of a Government which bad so lost control of events. concessions on such This Government bas also completely lost the confidence of the other questions. The party conferfarming community and of most people in the countryside. The farmers were involved in this catastrophe ny European observer who by unpublicised changes in the practices of feed merchants and in the relevant government regulations. Nearly half the cattle farms, and more than half of the specialist beef producers, have still never had a case of BSE. Even those who have suffered from BSE are involved in a catastrophe not of their own making - they never decided to feed cow meat to cows, and were almost all unaware that this was what they were doing. Those farmers who have had no cases, whose herds are BSE-free, are producing wholly safe beef which is regarded by their customers as wholly suspect. Both groups find their survival threatened, and they blame it on the weakness of ministers and on lack of frankness in the past. No doubt the Government is unlucky. It started the year hoping for a political recovery. As soon as ministers thought they had got over Scott, by a one vote victory, they found themselves faced with "mad cow" disease. Who would have expected that? But politicians make their own luck. When governments fail to get on top of events, events will always get on top of them.

was very little risk of BSE infecting

human beings. Ministers, particular-

ly John Gummer at agriculture and

Kenneth Clarke at health, interpreted

that as "no risk", though that was

neither an honest nor a prudent interpretation of the scientific evi-

dence, and has since been contradict-

ed by further evidence. The Government failed for nearly

ten years to get a grip either on the epidemic itself or on the safety mea-

sures in the abattoirs. If there had

been comprehensive action after 1986

or 1989, the epidemic could probably have been contained at a much lower

level, and British beef might now be

as safe as some ministers say it is.

This lack of grip is only too evident. The Minister of Agriculture thinks

slaughtering is necessary: the Secre-tary of State for Health thinks it is not

justified on the scientific evidence.

The Treasury does not want to pay

for it. The Prime Minister thinks i

should go ahead. One has to go back

almost as far as the Hoare-Laval

Pact, 60 years ago, to find a similar

# THE TIMES THURSDAY MARCH 28 1996 Labour bound by ballot Peter Riddell

### on Blair's bid to outflank revolt

ony Blair's decision to ballot Labour Party members this autumn on a draft of its manifesto is his most important initiative since the rewriting of Clause Four. It is intended not only to demonstrate the substance of new Labour, but also to improve the prospects for success in office.

Mr Blair is haunted by the failure of the last two Labour Governments. He believes they foundered in part because they lost the support of party activists. There was a conflict be-tween the the policies of the party at an election and subsequent constraints which leaders faced in office. This produced constant tension between the party and government, as revealed in the diaries and memoirs of the 1960s and 1970s.

The antics of the party conference and of the national executive, including left-wing ministers such as Tony Benn, in rejecting government policies were a constant irritation to Harold Wilson and James Calla-Harold Wilson and James Calla-ghan. This fostered a myth of belrayal, and fuelled a dramatic swing to the left after the party lost office in 1970 and 1979. At the party conference in the autumn of 1979, MPs and former ministers were booed by delegates, and treated as prairies. They were accused of ahantraitors. They were accused of aban-doning the policies of the party. The only way the leadership could assert authority was by relying on trade union bloc votes to counteract constituency activists.

Mr Blair is trying to avoid these traps by caution about promises and by binding in the party, and also Labour MPs, from the start. The most distinctive feature of Mr Blair's leadership has been his desire to go over the heads of party activists - as well as union leaders - to the wider membership. One-member, one-vote in party decisions has worked strongly in his favour, not least because the membership has risen by nearly a half to 365,000 over the past two years, and many of these new members are keen Blairites.

ot only did Mr Blair receive strong support from individ-ual party members when he was elected leader in July 1994, but he also won the 85 per cent backing of members over the rewriting of Clause Four last April. This was despite early opposition from some left-wing activists and votes against change by the two largest unions.

The party constitution was amended last October to allow for memberballots on major policy and

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cion alon in such subjects as tourism or and catering (a tarted-up version asbe of what until now have been for k called Advanced GNVQs). Th mesc for pupils who want to stay on whic mem in the national interest, be encouraged to do so.

At present, however, there are pupils who find it frustrating to be obliged even to stay on to the legal leaving age of t6. They are sometimes, ludicrously, put in for GCSE exams, with no hope of getting better than the dimmest grades. They may even hang around after that, for lack of alternative ambition. (The present bob-a-nob school funding system tempts heads to cling on to muoils. There's cash in it.) But one fifth of pupils don't pass a GCSE, at any grade, in the crucial subjects of English and maths. This is the third side of Sir Ron's kaleidoscope. These pupils will be allowed to become semi-detached, spending less time in school and more on work training - to their teachers' and fellow-pupils' was the act of stuffing these tubes which led to spicules of bamboo inoculating the women with infected material into the bloodstream through minute cuts to thumbs or fingers. It seems likely, on general principles, that a small dose would be infective if inoculated, but a large dose would be required by mouth. The cases [of BSE] in people have often been in meat-handlers." Dr Cullen adds modestly that he is not an expert in BSE or scrapie. Nonetheless, his experience confirms

have received an interesting letter from Dr Anthony Cullen,

an agricultural microbiologist

with veterinary experience. He

infecting cows with scrapie by direct

In sheep, a susceptibility gene

determines the infection by scrapie, If

a similar mechanism exists in other

animals, then human beings would

only be infected with BSE if they had

pushed it into a bamboo tube before i

was cooked. It was believed that it

injection of sheep brain material.

that BSE is almost certainly a longstanding disease in cattle, which does not seem to have caused identifiable trouble to human beings in the past. His reference to the susceptibility gene - which could have been widely transmitted in cows by a single bull through AI - and his suggestion of the possible significance of injection, all strengthen the view that any human epidemic caused by BSE is likely to remain a limited one.

But BSE has become a matter of panic, rather than of science. It is also becoming increasingly important as a political issue, threatening just because there is a panic, damaging to Britain's relations with Europe, dangerous to the future of the Government. Many people are now genuine-

Hardy and, unable to find his

address, sent its missive to his local

library in Dorchester. "Dear

Thomas Hardy," says the letter, "what do you think about the use

of computers in libraries?" County

librarian Carleton Earl is unim-

pressed: "Geography's all right, but they should jolly well mug up

were German or French, and the ban were being imposed to protect British beef-eaters and cattle, there would scarcely be a single vote for letting the alien beef into this country. It is no good our huffing and puffing about the veterinary evidence. Once the Secretary of State had admitted the ten human cases of probable BSE infection, the argument was

irresistible. The rest of the world has seen things in the same way as the European Union. The United States, which believes, almost certainly wrongly, that it has never had a case of BSE, banned British beef as long ago as 1989, and is now thinking of banning beef from other EU countries as well. South Korea has not only banned British beef, but is conducting searches of all flights arriving from Britain to make sure that the passengers are not smuggling in the odd side of beef.

The fact that Britain would have behaved exactly like the rest of the European Union if the situation were reversed has not made the European decision any more palatable here. As the British see it, the EU has a bad common agricultural policy which operates against Britain's interests. Now that Britain has a particular agricultural problem, and a big one, the talk of Brussels is about British

issues as majority voting when the British believe that they will always be ruthlessly outvoted?

imagines that this would be easier for Tony Blair and the Labour Party does not understand the present mood of the British public. We feel that we have been getting the wroog end of the European deal; we feel that British interests are always subordinate to those of the Franco-German alliance. Tony Blair cannot afford to fight the next general election as the Kohl-Chirac candidate. As with the beef panic, the psychology of the British reaction to Europe has become a political reality in its own right. The Government's handling of the BSE epidemic raises the same issues as the Scott report. That left an unforgettable picture of a Government which had lost its administrative grip. One could even feel sorry for ministers, who seemed to be as bewildered by the system they had to operate as anyone outside might be. There does not seem to have been much to choose between their handling of BSE and that of arms to Iraq - except that the public cares much more about BSE. The same doubts exist about the honesty of a series of official statements. After 1989, the scientific position, on the

ence, where the unions still have 50 per cent of the votes, remains sovereign, but in practice a mass ballot will have greater legitimacy. A series of policy documents appearing over a few months will be brought together in an early version of the manifesto in June, before being debated at the party conference in October and then going to a ballot shortly afterwards. Mr Blair is adamant that this will

be a tight document - no "shoppinglist of policies starting with agriculture and ending with zoos", as Robin Cook put it. Instead, there are likely to be a few "flagship" policies, symbolising how Labour would be different from the Tories, such as the individual learning accounts for training being published later today. Gordon Brown says detailed proposals on tax will not come until the full election manifesto, in part because of the probability of further tax cuts in November.

une's document will avoid the detailed and ultimately counterproductive pledges on tax, child benefits and pensions which John Smith made before the 1992 election. The statement is likely to be sparse making a virtue of its absence of wish-lists and its stress on hard choices, with resources being shifted within existing budgets. The risk is that it will be bland. Following the 1987 and 1992 defeats. Labour leaders are obsessed with not saying anything which allows the Tories to. accuse them of favouring higher public spending and taxes.

The process matters as much as the substance. As Mr Blair said, the ballot "will give the party an opportunity actively to pledge their support for the Labour programme for governe ment". The unstated corollary is that activists should complain later about the programme, and if, or rather, when, ministers have to take tough economic decisions in office. Mr Blair wants to ensure that not only are no: extravagant promises made but that the party is explicitly committed to

should not be risky. Members are being offered a straight yes or no: the main doubt is over the level of turnout. But merely by launching the exercise, Mr Blair has given the leadership and the party a focus and something to do over the long preelection period. The prize is that Labour could take office in a year or so on a realistic programme which the party has endorsed. He wants to show that Blairism is backed by the party. But he will not confuse a desire . to win with unconditional support. Mr Blair could still face plenty of rumblings and party rows if he wins power. New Labour may be in con-P·H·S power. New Labour may be in con-trol, but old Labour is not dead yet.

Labour day

NEW YORK is to unbutton its embonpoint and embrace Tony Blair. The Labour leader, who yesterday announced that every cloth-cap member of his party will be able to vote on its manifesto, is to be guest of honour at a E750-ahead lunch next month organised by the British American Chamber of Commerce. He will be given the sort of treatment that would have Donald Trump salivating over his foulard tie.

The seven-courser at the Empire State Ballroom of the Grand Hyatt hotel is uncharted water for Labour. Previous speakers at the chamber's big events include Baroness Thatcher and John Major but Blair is the first Opposition leader. let alone Labour politician, to speak to the gathering in living memory.

Whenever Neil Kinnock crossed the Atlantic in the 1980s, he was kept waiting by the American big guns, or passed on to low-ranking officials. But before his big day in New York, Blair will be holding summit-style talks with President Clinton and Vice President Gore, men of his own age with whom he is politically sympathetic. To show he is not all left-sided, however, he

will also be meeting Nixon's Secretary of State, Henry Kissinger.

Tables for ten are being hawked round the Big Apple at £7,500 each. Champagne socialists may be disappointed that the cash isn't going to new Labour coffers - but, my dears, what an honour for Tony.

• Literary news: Bertelsmann, the publishing giant from the Ruhr Valley, has written to Thomas

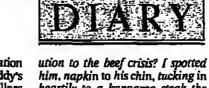
on their history." Yorkie bar

YET MORE bovine information from Harriet, my uncle Roddy's confused mooer. Those two pillars of Britishness, the clergy and farmers, have succumbed to the beef

> madness. Beef is off at Bishopthorpe, the home of Dr David Hope, Archbishop of York, and a fixture on the northern meat circuit. Much missed already are Hope's homemade cottage pies - guaranteed to make even the sturdiest Mothers' Union member tremble - and the pastry pies made by a fiendishly talented palace chef.

Meanwhile, in a survey in Farming News, it is reported that while 97 per cent of farmers yow to have roast beef for Sunday lunch, 65 per cent feebly confessed to having been put off their offal.

"Sorry Peckitt, John Major • Could Terry Major-Ball have studies only goes up to O level"



him, napkin to his chin, tucking in heartily to a kangaroo steak the other night in London's West End.

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### Priceless

LISTEN for the dull clank of medallion on chest at Phillips Auctioneers next month as Romeos of a certain age bid for relics from the love lives of Brigitte Bardot, Jean Shrimpton and Jean Simmons.

The lots include lipstick holders, watches and rings given to the three by their one-time lovers. The women clearly ignored the words of Zsa Zsa Gabor, no slouch in these matters: "Give back the ring, if you must dahhling," she advised, but keep the diamond."

Of particular interest is a gold watch in the sale, given to Miss found his own. idiosyncratic sol- Shrimpton, by the actor Terence away meals enjoyed by members

gave that away in later years. I didn't need reminding of my name." **Bath oils** THE MARQUESS of Bath and his

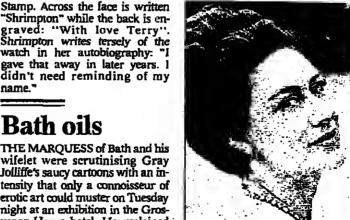
wifelet were scrutinising Gray Jolliffe's saucy cartoons with an intensity that only a connoisseur of erotic art could muster on Tuesday night at an exhibition in the Grosvenor House hotel. He explained he was not inclined to buy any of the works: "I prefer to paint my

own."

The plgtailed aristocrat's latest project is a series of heads of his ancestors around a spiral staircase at Longleat. "I have already completed a series of beads of my loved ones," he says, "now I am doing the crowned heads."

### **Palace pies**

THE BINDIS and bhajis which I revealed are ferried regularly from Kuldeep Makhni's international restaurant in Mayfair to Buckingham Palace are not the only take-



Princess Margaret take-away

### of the Royal Family.

A restaurant in Kensington which was frequented by Princess Margaret in the 1960s - and named Maggie Jones at the time of her marriage to Antony Armstrong-Jones -- supplies Kensington Palace with pies.

"The ladies-in-waiting come down with their bowls and the kitchen makes something up for them." says a regular. "They love the pies - fisherman's and steak and kidney. Can't get enough of thcm."

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The move may be bold, but it



### The A level should not be debased

Sir Ron Dearing certainly deserves full marks for effort. His 150-page report on the future of education for those aged between 16 and 19 makes nearly 200 recommendations. Sir Ron hopes his suggestions will simplify the structure of qualifications for schoolleavers, increase the numbers who have something to show for their studies. broaden the range of important skills acquired and improve standards overall. It is an ambitious programme, and several of his proposals are worthwhile. But, far from strengthening the A level, the "gold standard" of the education system, there are reasons to fear that Sir Ron's suggestions may leave it subtly debased.

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The area most immediately in need of improvement is technical and vocational education. The system of General National Vocational Qualifications (GNVOs) and NVQs does not enjoy parity of esteem with A-levels. The vocational qualifications are widely perceived in be less rigorously policed. Nevertheless, the number of pupils who do not complete the course is still higher

than among those anempting A levels. Sir Ron, rightly, argues GNVQs would command greater respect if external assesswent were used more widely. Outside verification that standards have been greached will enhance the credibility of the qualification. Other recommendations intended to increase the status of GNVOs are more questionable. Bringing together the two regulatory bodies, the School Curriculum and Assessment Authority and the National Council for Vocational Qualifications, as well as constructing the initial syllabuses to allow pupils to switch at an early stage between A level and GNVQ in similar fields appears efficient. Some pupils may gain from the flexibility but others could suffer from a levelling down of standards between technical and academic courses, over time.

The proposal to rename the GNVQ the "applied A level" is also of dubious virtue. Calling polytechnics universities has not improved the quality of their education. GNVQs will command respect by guaranteeing over time a nationally agreed level of expertise in a specific field. They should seek to command respect in their own right, not by riding on the reputation of another examination.

The A level itself is under threat in two small, but significant, ways. The first is Sir Ron's suggested new umbrella qualification, the "National Advanced Diploma". This is designed to ensure school-leavers study across a broader spectrum but, in doing so, runs counter to the spirit of specialisation that makes the A level system so attractively rigorous. Moreover, the Diploma treats technical and academic qualifications in such a way as to potentially lessen the distinction between the two. The Diploma is also designed to entrench "key skills" in "number" and "literacy". Sir Ron's aim is admirable. But if pupils cannot count and communicate by the time they are 16 a new piece of paper is unlikely to help.

The other erosion of excellence is the ascendancy of the "modular" approach to Alevels. Sir Ron wisely notes that the modules are popular with A level students because they allow sections of the course to be sat, and re-sat, in such a way as to bump up marks overall. Fewer and fewer pupils earn the marks to pass their A levels at the final exam. A level grades have been rising slowly even though a far larger proportion of the school population now take A levels, arousing strong suspicion that with, among other things, the growth of modular teaching, the qualification is easier to acquire.

Sir Ron is alive to the weakness of the modular system but that does not stop him arguing for an eventual unified approach where half the marks for the A level come from modules, half from the final exam, Modular teaching is the enemy of excellence and a hidden danger in an ever-more competitive world. Sir Ron should not be giving it any encouragement. The A level is the qualification to which pupils aspire and which employers respect. Specialist knowledge, sophisticated skills and tough final examinations are its hallmarks. The Gov-ernment should get back to those basics.

### **LETTERS TO THE EDITOR** 1 Pennington Street, London El 9XN Telephone 0171-782 5000

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What hope is there for any respon-

sibility in an industry which is appar-

ently so completely cocooned from the

effects of its own mistakes?

15 Camden Square, NWI.

From Professor Sam Ahmedzai

Sir. On your letters page (March 25)

Mr Derek Nimmo asks whether the Beefsteak Club should change its name to the Lamb Chop Club and the

chef proprietor of a restaurant reports

that 47 per cent of his diners are still

Oh dear, it really is spreading.

Sir, Profit. Public health scare, Mar-

ket collapse. Compensation. Profit. Not exactly an agricultural revolu-tion, just more of the same old tricks. The only difference with this method

of subsidy farming is that first you put

the consumers' health at risk and then

you get the consumer to pay to have

Have we all gone soft in the head?

Theydon Road, Epping, Essex.

Sir, Your headline (March 27) an-

nounces, "Cabinet may accept call for slaughter". At last, a useful sugges-

tion, but the question remains whe-ther we should slaughter the whole

Cabinet or just those members who

have reached the end of their useful

Morville, Bridgnorth, Shropshire,

Yours faithfully,

March 26.

eating beef.

March 25

Yours faithfully. SAM AHMEDZAL

23a Southbourne Road, Sheffield, South Yorkshire.

From Mr Richard Smith

the danger removed.

From Mr B. R. Yales

Yours faithfully.

R. A. SMITH.

working lives.

B. R. YATES,

Aston House,

Yours faithfully,

Waney Hill,

March 26.

ANDREW SMYTH,

### Some lessons and warnings from Britain's BSE disaster Claims to the fame

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From Professor Harold Stern

Sir, The recent pronouncements of ministers on the safety of British beel provide a prime example of danger-ous, authoritative conclusions that consistently ignore basic facts. In particular, statements that the hazard of BSE resides only in the brain and spinal cord and other offal and that "quality" beef, such as steaks and ribs, is safe could well be erroneous. Muscle is riddled with nerve fibres in com-munication with the central nervous system and along which the infecting agent could travel.

The fact that it is only in the brain and spinal cord and some other offal that the ageni of BSE can be detected by animal inoculation in the laborat-ory is nothing but an indication of the insensitivity of the techniques cur-rently available to us.

Moreover, to ask a committee to consider whether children are more susceptible to the disease is ridiculous. Is it all right to institute measures to protect children but to continue to expose young adults to the infection?

There is no information available on the infecting dose for humans, but this may not be large, as Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (CJD) has been effect-ively transmitted by corneal transplants taken from patients without clinical evidence of the disease.

The occurrence of CID in 10 young adults in one country, some undoubt-edly exposed to infected cattle, within a relatively short period of time (report and leading article, March 21) is unique in medical literature. No reputable medical scientist can ignore this fact, and extreme caution should therefore be exercised when discussing the safety of beef.

This must be the case when dealing with a clinically dreadful disease, which is, as far as we know, invariably fatal and for which there is no treatment

Only complete eradication of the cattle population can remedy the problem. The number of cases of BSE may now be diminishing but we cannot be certain that the infection will not eventually stabilise in herds, with

# increasing length of the incubation period and increasing numbers of an-imals apparently healthy but infected.

Yours faithfully, HAROLD STERN (Professor Emeritus of Virology, University of London]. 16 Hill Rise.

Hampstead Garden Suburb, NWII. March 27.

### From Mr Henry Edmunds

Sir, In 1988 the Ministry of Agriculture initiated a scrapie monitoring scheme for sheep. I was one of the original participants in this and have supported it subsequently. A proportion of my sheep are culled each year and their brains examined for the presence of scrapie. In the event of being able to demonstrate two years free of the disease the flock then achieves export status.

This scheme would, in my view, be equally applicable to cattle. Each herd should be tested in this way and only those achieving a BSE-free status allowed to market their stock through the normal channels. In this way all herds carrying the disease would be identified.

Yours faithfully, HENRY EDMUNDS, The Cholderton Estate, The Estate Office. Cholderton, Salisbury, Wiltshire.

March 26.

From Mr Andrew Smyth

From Mr Michael Welsh

Sir, As a manufacturer, my company exists in a fiercely competitive envir onment relying on our own efforts for its success or failure. We would not expect to be shown much consideration if we made products which were dangerous to our customers.

Agriculture, by contrast, is a business whose success is further subsidised by taxpayers. Not content with this, when selling products which might kill their customers, it seems that farmers, to use the word in today's extraordinary letter from Mr Caspar Bush, "require" compensation for their mistakes,

### National interest in Europe's union

### From Miss Barbara Hewson

Sir. If justification were needed for Sir, I find Nicholas Budgen's article Helmut Kohl's Louvain speech (re-port, February 3: leading article, Feb-("EU law must be disobeyed", March 20) absurd. ruary 5), when he warned of the poten-. tial for disaster if the European Union

What Euro-sceptic MPs omit to tell us is that EU law, which is part of the law of the land, is instrumental in proof Robin Hood

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From Mr Brian Alderson

Sir. Yorkshire must reclaim its own. Nottingham's adoption of Robin Hood has always been an opportunist publicity stunt, and as you suggest in your leader (March 26), the outlaw is essentially a Yorkshireman. Indeed, the most precise map reference for him in the earliest known ballad has him raiding traffic on the Al. not far from Wentbridge. There seems to be a reluctance to

appreciate this, even in his home county, however. The magnificent Robin Hood exhibition organised last year at the Oldenburg Book Festival (for whose 300-page catalogue I supplied a brief foreword) is all set to travel 10 Warsaw, Zurich, Arhus, Groningen, Berlin, and possibly New York ... but old York has rejected it. A proposal for it to be staged in the Guild Hall later this year collapsed. apparently because the city's Leisure Services were unable to beg, borrow or ambush any cases for the display.

Yours etc BRIAN ALDERSON, 28 Victoria Road. Richmond, North Yorkshire. March 26.

From Mr Michael Grosvenor Myer

Sir. It was not the Victorians, as Andrew Pierce suggests (report. March 26), who "turned Robin Hood into the Earl of Huntingdon, to make him a more respectable hero".

In the IS80s the great Harvard ballad scholar, Francis J. Child, wrote in his English and Scottish Popular Bailads: "Anthony Munday, towards the end of the sixteenth century, made a play ... in which Robert. Earl of a play ... in which kobert. Earl of Huntingdon, being outlawed, takes refuge in Sherwood, with his chaste love Matilda ... and changes his name to Robin Hood, hers in Maid Marian" (headnote to ballad 117 in volume III].

Child adds in a footnote that the first mention of Robin's noble extraction seems to be in Grafton's Chronicle of 1569. I have no doubt that it was a popular tradition long before that.

May not the name Robin Hood be simply a corruption of "robber in the wood"? Presumably every wooded area in the country will have had one ol these. Yorkshire, as your third leader points out, has a vast Robin Hood folklore of its own: Child deals extensively in another of his head-notes with the particular claims of Barnesdale as a rival to Sherwood as the Merry Men's HQ.

Nottingham is indeed fortunate in having won the battle for the noble outlaw's patronage in the popular mind and would surely be crazy to give it up.

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Britain's charities are the mirrors which reflect uur concerns as a society. From these institutions - which span the range from the educational and the religious to the recreational and the eccentric - one learns

charitable status. The commissioners have in mind, specifically, the RSPCA's campaign against animal vivisection, commonly conducted by the medical community in pursuit of their scientific ends.

### N Ireland Tories From Dr Esmond Birnie Sir. The Prime Minister and Secretary of State for Ireland have both rightly stressed the importance of all gen-uinely democratic participat-ing in the forthcoming Forum elec-tions in Northern Ireland. I therefore

is much about the moral inclinations of Britons as one does from Parliament, from the English language and from the country's press. No charity has been more emblematic of these concerns than the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA).

Yet the RSPCA, today, is a body which appears to have lost a little of its direction. The country's largest charity - it has over 200 branches, each registered separately with the Charity Commission - was conceived originally to address everyday acts of cruelty and harm to animals. Painfully tethered dogs, maltreated cats, fox cubs, badgers and swans that swallow fishing tackle were the familiar subjects of its campaigns. As a nation, Britons abhor wanton cruelty to animals and the RSPCA, by popular support, was the body which best endeavoured to protect animals from unthinking inhumanity.

The animal charity, however, has veered some distance away from its original. unimpeachable trajectory. The Charity Commissioners, who oversee the activities of institutions such as the RSPCA, have now alerted the animal body to a potentially costly risk: stop campaigning against those activities which are "beneficial to the conumunity" or you will endanger your

The commissioners are right, and their di rective must not be misunderstood. Under a complex mixture of statute and common law, charities are organisations which enjoy tax exemptions by particular virtue of their activities: these must be for the public benefit, and can include animal welfare. But the courts have refused consistently to recognise political objects as "charitable", and this must include a campaign to put a stop to vivisection. Such experiments are entirely lawful, and a campaign to procure a change in the law is an inherently political cam-

The RSPCA is not the first major charity to fall foul of the commissioners in this way: Oxfam was given warning often over its campaigns to end apartheid in South Africa, and over pamphlets urging the cancellation of Third World debt. The point is not that such campaigns - whether against apartheid or animal vivisection - are inherently undesirable; in fact, both, in their respective times, have enjoyed considerable popular appeal in this country. The real issue is whether a charitable organisation's income should, in the circumstances, enjoy exemption from income tax, corporation tax and capital gains tax. There is no reason why it should, if it exceeds the bounds allowed to it by law.

### **OUR FRETFUL RELATIONS**

### A good judgement from the Strasbourg court

**PAIN FOR GAIN** 

Cruelty, charity and the RSPCA

At a time when decisions taken by pan-European institutions are not popular with everyone in Britain, let us pause to cheer a commonsense judgment issued yesterday from the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg. British judges had previously insisted that a journalist, William Goodwin, reveal the name of a source who had been assured anonymity: they had fined the reporter when he refused. The ECHR rejected these decisions -- and rightly so.

Mr Goodwin has emerged victorious from a long and wearisome struggle. Back in 1989 and only a few months out of university in his first job on The Engineer, he received a leak of some internal figures from inside a company which was in the course of raising fresh capital. Alerted to Mr Goodwin's knowledge before anything was printed, the company won an injunction to suppress any mention of its name, let alone its financial plans. Mr Goodwin was then pressed to reveal his source. He consistently refused. lost cases in the High Court and House of Lords and was fined E5,000.

As similar cases have revealed, British judges think they smell humbug when they are faced with journalists claiming that a promise of anonymity must override a court's demand to reveal a source. In the House of Lords. Lord Bridge wondered outloud at Mr Goodwin's "extraordinary attitude that he was entitled to set the law at nought. He puts his duty to his profession above his duty to obey the law."

To no avail Mr Goodwin's lawyers pointed out that their client had no problem with the law in general but only with the courts' request for a name which his word to his source prevented him revealing. However the courts maintained that the company's access to justice overrode Mr Goodwin's promise.

Contrast Lord Bridge's vain pronouncements with yesterday's judgment. The judges of Strasbourg point out that two competing public interests, freedom of expression and justice, must be seen in proportion. Only exceptional difficulties and dangers - prevention of crime or risk to life and limb - should justify a demand for a journalist to break his word. The fine imposed on Mr Goodwin was not "necessary in a democratic society" for the protection of the company's rights under nglish law.

The European Court of Human Rights lost its own sense of proportion at the end of its judgment, Journalists should be entitled to compensation, the judges opined, for the mental anguish and anxiety of being threatened with imprisonment for obeying their conscience and their ethical duties." Mr Goodwin had not sought compensation for his mental anguish since he quite rightly considers this kind of legal fight a natural and occupational hazard of journalism. Relations between the press and authorities are essentially fretful and should remain able to be so,

tral Office should apparently judge it inappropriate for the Conservative Party itself to contest these elections.

find it bizarre that Conservative Cen-

It would seem that the 45,000 Conservative voters in Northern Ireland in the 1992 general election are now to be disenfranchised. Perhaps the party leadership will tell us which other party we should vote for?

The December 1993 Downing Street declaration proclaimed that our Government has "... no selfish strategic or economic interest in Northern Ireland". Should we now conclude that one logical implication of this is that the Conservative Party has no "electoral interest" in the province? If this were true then it wouk 'be a sad position for both the party and the people of Northern Ireland.

Perhaps the deduction we should draw from this and Dr Brian Mawhinney's own political career is that the only way for an Ulsterman to get on in Tory politics is to emigrate from Northern Ireland to Great Britain.

Yours faithfully ESMOND BIRNTE (Deputy Chairman, Conservative Area Council, Northern Ireland), c/o Apartment 22, Ashleigh Manor, Windsor Avenue, Belfast March 26.

### Popular classics

### From Mr John Woolf

Sir, The argument as to the artistic integrity of musical soundbites (let-ters, March 23, 26) is very enjoyable. I cannot resist throwing in the fact that, in addition to making his recording of the Rosenkavalier waltzes in the 1920s, Strauss agreed to do so with only three first violins, compared with the 14 or more he would have been used to in the opera house.

I had the pleasure of knowing one of the three in later life: George Whitaker, a child prodigy who played in Sir Henry Wood's orchestra, aged 15, became a front-desk player in the London Symphony Orchestra, was a fine chess player, an enthusiastic walker across large tracts of North Africa, and, like Strauss, a practical man

Becoming an elderly postman on retirement to Chalfont St Giles, he ensured his deliveries by making them in waltzime on a large tricycle.

Yours faithfully, JOHN WOOLF (Director). Park Lane Group, Bedford Chambers Covent Garden Piazza, WC2. March 26.

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were to break up, it is supplied by Bill Cash's piece, "A party of the nation?" (March 2I).

There may be a case for saying that Britain's national interest can be served only if she onts out of the process of European integration, but Cash goes much further. According to him, if 14 other independent sovereign states are not prepared voluntarily to accept an entirely British agenda, they should be compelled to do so, perhaps by use of a veto of the inter-gov-ernmental conference.

This is certainly nationalist, but it is profoundly undemocratic. The inevitable result would be a return to economic nationalism, protection and the balkanisation of Western Europe.

Conservatives in the House of Commons and elsewhere who think of themselves as Euro-sceptic must wonder whether they go along with all this.

Sentences such as "We have been treated with too much contempt for too long by those with whom we have tried to co-operate" have the authentic ring of Bismarck and the 1930s dictators: they have nothing whatever to do with Disraeli's generous vision of a party of One Nation.

The test to be applied is how we let alone Bill Cash - would have reacted if a similar piece, mutatis mutandis, had appeared in Die Zeit.

Yours truly, MICHAEL WELSH (Chief Executive), Action Centre for Europe Ltd, 181 Town Lane, Whintle le Woods, Chorley, Lancashire. March 22

### **China and Taiwan**

#### From the Ambassador of the People's Republic of China

Sir, I was shocked by the leading articles on the Taiwan question in your paper (March 12 and 19). Taiwan has been an inalienable part of China since ancient times, and the Taiwan question is entirely China's internal affair. This is a fact recognised by the international community.

Since the People's Republic of China was founded, most countries in the world, including the United States, have recognised the Govern-ment of the People's Republic of China as the sole legal government of China and Taiwan as a part of China.

Nothing but the claim that denies this fact is "dangerous nonsense" as you argue, and the Taiwan question brooks no foreign interference, in whatever form or under whatever pretext. It is the sacred right of each and every sovereign state and a fundamental principle of international law to safeguard national unity and territorial integrity.

The recent tension in the Taiwan Strait was entirely a result of the Taiwan authorities' advocating "Taiwan's independence" and their intensified efforts in creating "one China, one Taiwan" or "two Chinas". The United States shoulders unshirkable

tecting ordinary citizens against abuses of power by the executive. No wonder a centralist government like ours despises the European Court of Justice, which for years has done nothing more than maintain the rule of law, which the United Kingdom pledged to uphold as long ago as 1972.

EU law helps the little person: the woman unfairly sacked on grounds of pregnancy: the speech therapist denied equal pay for work of equal val-ue; the bather who complains about our polluted beaches; the British tourist assaulted outside a Paris metro, denied compensation by the French Criminal Injuries Compensation Board because he is not French: the British tourist prosecuted for failing to report herself as an "alien" to the public se-curity authonities in Italy: the Greek couple prosecuted by the German authorities just because the wife had forgotten to exchange her perfectly valid Greek driving licence for a German

All the recent fisheries case (report March 6; letters March 11, 12, 20, 25) has decided is that UK courts shall determine whether or not the UK Government "gravely and manifestly" exceeded the bounds of its discretion in passing the Merchant Shipping Act 1988. What on earth is wrong with that? Only a Government with some-thing to hide would complain so bitterly at the prospect of judicial scrutiny in our national courts.

Yours faithfully. BARBARA HEWSON 12 Gray's Inn Square, WCI. March 20.

responsibility for this as well. It is the US rather than China that has violated the three Sino-US joint communiqués. The wrong decisions of the United

States to sell arms to Taiwan and permit Lee Teng-hui to visit the United States encouraged the pro-independence forces in Taiwan to go further, thus creating new serious obstacles to the settlement of the Taiwan question and the development of Sino-US relations.

The Chinese Government stands for, and has been working persistently for, a peaceful reunification of China based on the formula of one country, two systems. China's policy of not renouncing the use of force is not dir-ected against the Taiwan compatriots. but against foreign forces interfering in China's reunification and attempts Taiwan seeking independence.

Peaceful reunification is the common aspiration of all the Chinese people. The Chinese Government and people will never permit the separation of Taiwan from China.

### Sincerely yours, JIANG ENZHU,

### Embassy of the People's Republic of China, 49-51 Portland Place, WI.

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Yours truly, MICHAEL GROSVENOR MYER, 34 West End. Haddenham, Cambridge. March 26.

### Wingate's reputation

From Mr Richard Rhodes James

Sir, I am much saddened by the news (report and pictures, March 20) that Orde Wingate's son has been forced to sell his father's medals and papers. I am also concerned by the remarks in your report, "whose behind-the-lines operations turned the tide of the Second World War in Burma", and "[he] single-handedly turned the tide of war in Burma."

I took part in the second Chindil operation in 1944 and have written a book on the subject. I have always had a high regard for Orde Wingate, only wishing that he was less odd, but I believe that claims as sweeping as these can only further alienate those who continue to be bitterly opposed to him. In my judgment. Orde Wingate had brilliant ideas and these, particularly the greatly extended scope for air supply, did much to assist in the reconquest of Burma. He also did much to persuade the British that the Japanese were not invincible in the jungle.

Additionally, he gave the Japanese the false idea that they could operate effectively over country in which his own columns had operated in 1943.

But the tide turned when the regu-lar elements of the 14th Army, led superbly by General Slim, met the Japanese anack of 1944 head-on and refused to yield. The Chindits inconvenienced the Japanese considerably, and this their commanders have acknowledged, but we would be wise not to spoil the case of a most remarkable man by attributing to him more than the events warrant.

Yours faithfully, RICHARD RHODES JAMES, 15 Almoners Avenue, Cambridge. March 20.

### Test for chairpersons

From Mr A. P. Walter

Sir. I am indebted to the researchers from the Centre for Disease Control Prevention in Atlanta, Georgia, who concluded that a person who has had an excess of wine "would be unable to operate anything more than a deckchair" (Body and Mind, March 21). Obviously the reason I have experienced so many problems in crecting these confounded contraptions over the past 40 years is that I have always been sober at the time.

Yours etc.

A. P. WALTER, 62 Rib Vale, Bengeo, Hertford, March 21.



### COURT CIRCULAR

LIECHTENSTEIN PALACE PRAGUE

March 27: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh this morning left Warsaw and flew to Krakow. Her Majesty and His Royal Highness were met at the Airport by The President of the Czech Republic. The Queen drove to Wawel Castle

and toured the building. Her Majesty afterwards visited Krakow Cathedral. The Queen and The Duke of

Edinburgh later visited stalls at Cloth Hall and witnessed a bugle call from the Church Tower. Subsequently Her Majesty and His Royal Highness were present at the opening of the altar in SI Mary's Church.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh this afternoon attended a Luncheon at Collegium Maius. Krakow.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness later flew to Prague and were received at the Airport by Mr Josef Zieleniec (Foreign Minister). The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh drove to Prague Castle and were received by The President of the Czech Republic Having inspected a Guard of Honour, Her Majesty and His Royal Highness attended a meet-ing with The President. The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh, accompanied by The President of the Czech Republic, later visited Charles Bridge. Her Majesty and His Royal High-ness afterwards attended a Reception for media representatives at Liechtenstein Palace. This evening The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh attended a State Banquet given by The Presi-dent of the Czech Republic at Prague Castle, His Royal Highness this morning viewed a restoration project and visited the Jewish Cultural Centre, Remuh Synagogue and Cemetery, Kazimierz, Krakow. The Queen was represented by the

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Lady Susan Hussey (Woman of the Bedchamber) at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of the Lady Michael Fitzalan Howard which was held in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, London SWI, Joday. The Duke of Edinburgh was represented by Sir Brian McGraih. Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester was represented by Lieutenant Colonel Sir Simon Bland. The Duke of Kent was represented by Mr Nicolas Adamson Princess Alexandra, the Hon Lady Ogilvy was represented by the ady Mary Numford. The Grand Duke of Loxembourg was represented by Brigadier Christopher Wolverson. The Duke of Edinburgh, President, World Wide Fund for Nature - WWF international, was repre-

### Lectures

Institution of Mechanical

sented by Dr Robin Pellew (Direc-tor, World Wide Fund for Nature - UK) at the Memorial Service for Mr John Loudon which was held in the Grosvenor Chapel, South Audley Street, London WI, today.

His Royal Highness, Patron, the Association of Cricket Umpires, was represented by Lieutenant Colonel John Slephenson at the Memorial Service for Mr T.E. Smith which was held in St John's Wood Parish Church, London

NW8, this afternoon. BUCKINGHAM PALACE

March 27: The Princess Royal this afternoon visited Falkirk and District Royal Infirmary National Health Service Trust, Major's Loan, Falkirk, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Stirling and Falkirk (Colonel James Stirling of Garden).

CLARENCE HOUSE

March 27: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother. President. The ational Trust, today received Sir Angus Stirling on relinquishing his appointment as Director General Her Majesty subsequently re-ceived Mr Martin Drury on

assuming this appointment. ST JAMES'S PALACE

March 27: The Prince of Wales, accompanied by the RI Hon John ner MP (Secretary of State for the Environment), this afternoon visited Great Yarmouth. His Royal Highness visited the Old Naval Hospital and viewed the redevelopment of the site. The Prince of Wales. President, Business in the Community, met a group of business leaders taking part in the Seeing is Believing programme, looking at ways their involvement in communities might make a difference.

#### YORK HOUSE ST JAMES'S PALACE March 27: The Duchess of Kent, President, Marie Curie Cancer

Care, this evening attended a Reception. Mansion House, London, EC4. **Today's royal** 

engagements The Prince of Wales will visit the Norfolk Wildlife Trust's reserve at

Clev, Norfolk, at 11.10. Princess Margaret will attend a gala performance by the English National Balles as the London Coliseum at 7.25.

Today's events

Luncheon

The Queen's Life Guard mounts at Horse Guards at 11.00. The Queen's Guard mounts at Buckingham Palace at 11.30.

**Carlton Club Political Committee** 

### Anniversaries BIRTHS: Raphael, painter,

Urbino, Italy, 1483; St Teresa of Avila, Avila, Spain, 1515; King George I, reigned 1714-27. Osnabruck, Germany, 1660; Pierre Simon, Marquis de Laplace, astronomer, Trouville, France, 1749; Thomas Clarkson, abolitionist, Wisbech, Cambridgeshire, 1760; Aristide Briand, II times premier of France, Nobel Peace laureate 1926, Nantes, 1862; Maxim Gorky, novelist,

Nizhni Novgorod, Russia, 1868: Corneille Heymans. physiologist, Nobel laureate 1938, Ghent, 1892; Dame Flora Robson, actress, South Shields, 1902.

DEATHS: Peg Woffington, actress, London, 1760; Sir Ralph Abercromby, general, on board flagship Foudroy-ant, 1801; William Thornton, architect, Washington, 1828; Modest Mussorgsky, composer, St Petersburg, 1881: Virginia Woolf, novelist and critic,

committed suicide, Rodmell, Sussex, 1941; Sergei Rachmaninoff, composer and pianist, Beverly Hills, California, 1943; Stephen Leacock, economist and humorous writer. Toronto, 1944; Dwight Eisenhower, general, 34th Ameri-can President 1953-61, Washington, 1969; Sir Arthur Bliss. Master of the Queen's Musick 1953-75, London, 1975; Marc Chagall, painter.

French Riviera, 1985. Crimean War began, 1854. The Spanish Civil War ended. 1939.

The last German V rocket landed in Britain, 1945.

Lady Michael Fitzalan

The Queen was represented by

Lady Susan Hussey and the Duke

giving for the life of Lady Michael

Fitzalan Howard held yesterday in

the Guards Chapel. Wellington

Princess Alice Duchess of Glouces-

ter was represented by Lleutenoni-Colonel Sir Simon Bland, the Duke of

Kent by Mr Nicolas Adamson, Prin-

cess Alexandra by Lady Mary Mum-ford and the Grand Duke of Luxembourg by Brigadier Chris-topher Wolverson.

The celebrants were Dom Edward Corbould, OSB, of Ampleforth Ab-bey, Father Richard Randolph, SJ, of

Wardour, who read the Gospel, and

The Lord Lieulenani for Greater London was represented by Lady Bramali, Among others present were:

Major-General Lord Michael Fitzalan Howard (husband). Mr and Mrs Harry Fitzalan Howard and Mr and the Hon Mrs Manader Ettalan Howard Kons

Howard

Barracks.

commenda

Sanctuary.

Latest wills Professor Sir John Grahame Douglas Clark, of Cambridge, the archaeologist and Master of Peterhouse, 1973-80, left estate valued at £710,681 net. He left £10,000 to Pererhouse, Cambridge, with the wish it be used to support travel by undergraduates of the college. Mrs Constance Fligg Tipper, of

Penrith, Cumbriz, the material scientist, who conducted pioneering research into metal crystals which enabled her to establish why th enabled her to establish why the hulls of Liberty ships were splitting in two during the Second World War, left estate valued at £185.856 net. sha left le number of personal and other bequests, £100 each to tha perishes of Edenhall and Langwathby, forgeneral purposes of their respective churches, and her books not otherwise bequeathed and the residue to Newnham College,

# **Memorial services**

Bob Hoskins, the actor, addressing a Variety Club

tribute luncheon in his honour at the Savoy Hotel

in London yesterday held in recognition of his

contribution to the world of entertainment

Cambridge, with the wish it be used for the opherp of improvement of the college garden.

Mr Elias Prins, of Bath, Avon, the

Dutch-born art lecturer and

writer, who during the war turned

his knowledge of the Dutch Resis-tance and Nazism to good account by briefing Queen Mary, Queen Wilhelmina of The Netherlands, the Foreign Office and the Dutch

Government in exile on many

of his home country, left estate

Mr Gordon Wickhurst Balmer, of

Windlesham, Surrey, left estate

Sir George Neville Butterworth, of

Ollerton, Cheshire, chairman of Tootal 1968-74, left estate valued at

Coloneis, Culdstream Guards and th Regimend, Colonei Iain Ferguson, Roya Tournarreni, and Mrs Ferguson, Al Vice-Marshai A Belli (king Edward Vir Hospital for Officers, Serbadier MJ Doy) (British Commonwealth Ex-service Leagued and Mrs Anna Purser (RVIE).

The Queen was represented by Lieulenani-Colonel Sir John John-

ston at a service of thanksgiving

for the life of Sir Godfrey Agnew, a former Clerk of the Privy Council,

former Clerk of the PTVV Council, held yesterday in St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle. The Dean of Windsor officiated, assisted by the Rev John Robson, Chaplain of the Royal Victorian Order, who led the prayers, Dom Kevin Taggart, OSB, and Mr An-

drew Agnew read the lessons, Lord Charteris of Amisfield gave an ad-dress. The Lord President of the

Council and Leader of the Commons was represented by Mr Nigel Nicholls, Clerk of the Privy Council

Among others present were:

Sir Godfrey Agnew

valued at £223 net.

£195.239 net.

valued at £3,565,445 net.

aspects of the German occupation

FIONA HANSO 

Birthdays today

Mr Gordon Adam, MEP. 62;

Miss Rosemary Ashe. sop-

rano, 43; Sir Dirk Bogarde.

actor, 75: the Hon George

Bruce, portrait painter, 66;

Mr Steve Bull, footballer, 31,

Professor Lord Butterfield,

former Master, Downing

College, Cambridge, 76; Sir

Robert Clarke, chairman,

Thames Water, 67; Mr Rich-

ard Eyre, artistic director,

National Theatre, 53: Mr

James Hawley, Lord Lieuten-

ant of Staffordshire, 59; Prof-

essor Peter Hennessy, histor-

ian, 49; Mr Peter Holwell,

Principal, London University.

49; Professor G.T. Houlsby,

civil engineer, 42; Lord Hutchinson of Lullington,

OC, 81; Lord Judd, 61; Mr Neil

Kinnock, a European Com-

missioner, 54: Mr Raymond

Lister, artist and author, 77:

Mr Martin Neary, Organist

and Master of the Choristers.

Westminster Abbey, 56; Mr

Michael Parkinson, broad-

caster, 61; Dr Sir Derek Rob-

erts, Provost, University

College, London, 64; Prof-

essor Merton Sandler, chem-

ical pathologist, 70; Sir John

Stephenson, former Lord Jus-

tice of Appeal, 86; Mr Richard

Stilgoe, lyricist, S3; Mr Peter Wilmot-Sitwell, former vice-

chairman, S G Warburg, 6l.

Inns of Court and City Yeomanry

The Earl of Limerick. Honorary Colonel. Inns of Court and City Yeomany. Colonel G.D. Thompson and serving and former officers dined last night at Stone Buildings. Lincoln's linn, to mark the retirement of Major Richard Gentry. Museum Curator.

College Cardiff). Canons of Windsor and Members of the College of St George and

tor, World Wide Fund for Nature

- UK, at a service of thanksgiving

Loudon, KBE, beld uesterday in

the Grosvenor Chapel, South

The Rev Albert de Beaufort,

brother-in-law, and the Rev Simon Hobbs officiated. Jonkheer George

Loudon, son, read the lesson an

Jonkheer John Loudon, son, read from the works of Kahili Gibran. Mr

Lo van Wachern, Chairman of the Supervisory Board of Royai Durch

Shell, gave an address. Among those

for the life of Jonkheer John Hugo

Jonkheer John Hugo

Loudon, KBE

Audley Street,

present were

Service dinner

Whitelaw, Visconness Campden, the Dowager Visconness De L'Islé, Visconne de Verch, Lady Rupert Nevill, Jisconne and Lady Campton, Frider Marshal, Lord and Lady Campton, Frid Cambridge, Lady Greenhill of Harrow, Irene Lady Astor of Hever, Lady Lyshi, Lord Sollie, Lady Greenhill of Harrow, Irene Lady Astor of Malahida, Lady Howard and Lady Ruston Napler and Etricts.

of Edinburgh by Sir Brian McGrath at a Mass in thanks-Napler and Efficit. Lady John Wellesley, Lady Angels Oswald. Lady Rose Monson, Lady Maureen Pellowes, Lady Mangaret Culville, Lady Inila Prior-Painer, Lady Ariel Kelth, Lady Charles Cecil, the Hoń Mrs Julian Berry, the Hon Richard and Mrs Beaumont, the Hon Julia Stonor, the Hon Olaran Makelli, the Hon Mrs Edward Word, the Hon Gerard and Mrs Noel, the Hon Mrs Coles, the Hon Lady de Zulueta, the Hon Mrs Petre Crowder, the Hon Lady Hamilton,

Hamilton, Lady (Charles) Graham, Lady Aird. Priscilla Lady Jardine, Lady Baring, Sir Raiph Ansonuber, General Sir Desmond Firzpartick (Colonel, The Blues and Royals) and Lady Firzpartick, Sir David and Lady Butter, Lady Bland, Admiral of the Fleet Sir Henry Leach, General Sir David Fraser, Vice-Admiral Sir Peter and Lady Ashmore, Major-General Sir Philip and Lady Ward, Major-General Sir Roben Corbett, Lieutenany-General Sir Roben and Lady Carnegle. Sir Rober and Lady du Roulay, Lady

Canon Anthony Whale, of Arundel, who led the bidding prayers. The Rev Roy McAllen, Senior Chaplain to the Household Division said the and Lady Carnegle. Sir Roger and Lady du Boulay, Lady Picher, General Sir Edward and Lady Warten, Sir Anthur Colling, Sir Bran Warren, Sir Anthur Colling, Sir Bran Warren, Sir Anthur Colling, Sir Bran Warren, Sir Philip and Lady Ward, Field Mershal Sir Roland Gibbs, Lady Hambury, Sir Blair Stewart, Willon, Lady Gariand, Lady Penn, Sir Ralph Corr Ellison, Sir Carron and Lady Grieg, Lady Nevile, Dame Frances Campbell-Preson, Lady Mourkadcille, Sir Peter Thome, Uewtrander and Lady Konta Erroni Colonel Thomas Fitzalan Howard (son), read the lesson, and Mr Richard Fitzalan Howard, son, read a poem by Elizabeth Craven. Mgr Alfred Gilbey was robed and in the

Liewenni-Colonel Sir John Miller, Mr Charles and Lady Kalherine Farrell, Wing Commander Gordon and Lady Bridget Sincialr, Colonel T F C and Lady Berty Winnington, Mr Brian and the Hon Mrs Brudeneil, Mr Guy and the Hon Mrs Acloque, Commander and Mrs Michael Wall, Mr Vane Ivanovic, Count and Countess Joseph Czemin,

Major-General and Mrs Peler

THE TIMES THURSDAY MARCH 28 1996

# Forthcoming marriages

The Huo H.J.H. Allenby and Miss L.V. Green The engagement is announced between Henry, son of Viscount

and Viscountess Allenby, of Newnham, Hampshire, Louise, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Green, of Sands Farm, Faringdon, Oxfordshire, Mr G.S. Archer and Miss K. Meredith Jones

The engagement is announced between Garath, elder son of Mr and Mrs Stuart Archer, of South Shields, and Kate, daughter of Mr Nigel Meredith Jones and Mrs Mary Meredith Jones, of Wirral. Mr N.R.A. Ford and Miss G.A. Phillips

The engagement is announced between Nigel son of Mr and Mrs Stanley Ford, of Haywards Heath. Sussex, and Gillian, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs lan Phillips, of Gullane, East Lothian. Mr G. Gavigan

and Miss K.E. Hughes The engagement is announced between Gabriel, son of Mr Patrick Gavigan and the late Dr Louie Gavigan. of Aclare. County Sligo, and Kervs. eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Hughes, of Wenvoe, South Glamorgan. Mr S.M. Johnson

and Miss R. Davies The engagement is annuunced between Steven Michael, son of Mrs Constance Mary Johnson and the late Barry Johnson, of Fuengirola, Spain, and Rachel, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Garfield Davies, of Derriford.

Plymouth. Mr R.E. Landon and Miss J.E. Jackson The engagement is announced between Robin, younger son of Lieutenant Colonel L.H. Landon, of Yarmouth, Isle of Wight, and uf the late Mrs E.E. Landon, and Jane, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Jackson, of Pulborough, West Sussex. Mr A.H. Loder and Miss A.L. Green The engagement is announced between Sandy, son of Captain Simon Loder, of Dorset, and Mrs Sandra Loder, of Gloucestershire,

and Anna, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Green, of The Duke of Edinburgh, President, World Wide Fund for Nature Buckinghamshire - WWF International, was represented by Dr Robin Pellew, Direc-

### Inner Temple The Duke of Edinburgh Entrance

Scholarships 1996, which defray the cost of admission to the Inner Temple and Call to the Bar, have been awarded to the following: M Aleeva LLB, King's College London: R Anderson, Durham University; S Anar LLB, Manchester Metropolitan University and King's College London: J Arwill, University of Hentfondshire; C Bagot, Leicesler University; J Beverldge, SI Andrews University; B Brown, Candiff Law School, University of Wales; J Cagan, King's College London: A Carr, Notingcham Univ-ersity; J Chambers BA, SI Edmund Hall, Oraford, and CPLS, Queen's University: D Craft BSC, Manchester University and City University; N Cohen, Notingcham University; So pe BA, Bristol University and City University and City University; N Darvill BA, University of Humberside; M Davies BA, SI Hilda's College, Oxford, and University of Glamorgan; S Dieppe BA, Hull University; A Edwards LLB, London; N Dineen, Nordingham University; A Edwards ULB, London Stool of Economics; A Ezeklet, King's College, London: A Faul, Durham University; M Gorringe BA, Jesus College, Condon; A Faul, Durham University; M Gorringe BA, Jesus College, Condon; A Faul, Durham University; M Gorringe BA, Jesus College, Condon; A Faul, Durham Ghalle, Balliol College, Oxford, and College of Law, Chester; I Hoimes BA and BC, New College, Oxford, and Harvard Law School C Holmuth BA, New College been awarded to the following:

present were: Mrs Loodon (wieldow), Johniker and Mrs Frederick London ison and daughter-in-law), Jonkheer Anthow Loudon, Mr and Mrs Jercen Leffeisar, Jonkheer John Loudon, Miss Pauline Loudon, Jonkheer Marcus Loudon and Miss Emily Loudon (grandchildren), Barton and Baroness Otto van Verchum (orother-in-law and sister-in-law), Mrs Ronald Loudon, Sit (sister-in-law), Mrs Ronald Loudon, Sit Jonkheer and Mrs Ronald Loudon, Sit Kather and Mrs Ronald Loudon, Sit Jork Stewart-Clark. MISP, and Lady Stewart-Clark. Miss Kaihleen Mackenzie, Comness Orisich de Salveich, Mrs Frid, Mackenzie, Mrs Felicity Wigan, Miss Tolarita Leyen and other members of the Lamily. The Anthassador of the Netherlands The Ambassador of the Netherlands

Mr R.C.R. Pope and Miss N.J. Berrigan The engagement is announced herween Rury, son of Mr Jeremy and the Hon Mrs Pope, of West Compton, Dorsel and Natasha daughter of Mr Michael Berrigan, of Bank. Hampshire, and Mrs Elfriede King, of Hastemere Surrey.

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Mr C.P.P. Swinley and Miss D.B. Rocca The engagement is announced between Casper, elder son of Captain William Swinley. OBE RN, reid. nf Flaxley. Gloucestershire, and the late Mrs Swinley, and Dawn, only daughter of Mr and Mr. Eric Rocca, of Brampion, Cumbria,

Mr B.H. Walsgrove and Miss V.C. Paul The engagement is announced between Ben, son of Mr and Mrs Michael Walsgrove, of Manton, Rulland, and Victoria, daughter of Mr and Mrs Jonathan Paul, of Freston, Suffolk.

### Marriages

Mr C.C. Cheshire and Mrs S. Richardson The marriage look place quietly in London, un March 23. between Christopher Cheshire and Susan Richardson.

Mr B. Thomson and Miss S.J. Baring The marriage look place on March Brent Thomson, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Kevin Thomson, of Timaru, New Zealand, and Samantha Jane, daughter of Mr Guy Baring, of Melbourne, Australia, and the late Mrs Baring.

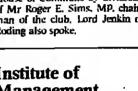
Dinner

1912 Club Mrs Angela Knight, Economic Secretary to HM Treasury was the guest of honour at a dinner of the 1912 Club held vesterday at the House of Communs by invitation uf Mr Roger E. Sims. MP. chairman of the club, Lord Jenkin of Roding also spoke.

The following have successfully completed the Institute of Management Advanced Diploma examination held in December, 1995.

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Engineers Professor Peter Hancock delivered the 31st John Player Lecture, "Engineering a Material Advantage" at the Institution of Mechanical Engineers. (IMechE) yesterday. Mr F. Chris Price, President, was in the chair.

#### The British Library

The second annual Douglas Bryant Lecture to be held on Tuesday. April 2, 1996, has had to be cancelled due to the withdrawal of the speaker, Dr James Billington. The British Library apologises for the short notice of this change, and regrets any inconvenience caused Further information 0171-412 7760

The Hon Honor Earl There will be a memorial service

for the Hon Honor Earl at noon on Thursday, April 18, at SI Luke's Church, Sydney Street, SW3.

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solution of the County of Dyfed.

Lieutenant-Commander Jeffrey Quill

St Clement Danes, Strand, WC2.

The American Ambassador, Mi William J. Crowe Jr. was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon of the Political Com-mittee of the Carlton Club held yesterday at the club. Sir Brian Goswell, chairman of the committee, presided. Lord Licetenant of Dyfed The Lord Lieutenant of Dyfed, Sir

David Mansel Lewis, and Lady Mary Mansel Lewis yesterday entertained the Chairman, Councillor Gethin Bennett and past Chairmen and Chief Executives and their wives to luncheon at Stradey Castle, to mark the dis-

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Lieutenant-Commander Jef-irey Quill. OBE, AFC, will be held on Friday, May 17, 1996, at noon at

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Among others present were Lady Agnew (ridow), Mr and Mrs Patrick Agnew and Mr and Mrs Mannew (son and daughlers-In-law). The Hon Jonathan and Mrs Davles, Mr and Mrs Richard Pollen and Mr and Mrs Maunice Lawson (sons-In-law) and Maghters), SIT Reginald and Lady Tyrwhilit and Mr and Mrs John 'Tyrwhili (stepsons and Stepdaughlers-In-law), Mrs Andrew Agnew (daughterh-law), Mrs Andrew Agnew, Miss Iona Agnew, Mr Jenemy Agnew, Mr and Mnr Anexander Davies, Miss Isabel Pollen, Mr William Polien, Mr Jonathan Pollen, Mr Millam Polien, Mrs Joshel Pollen, Mrs Alles Lawson and Mr Euan Lawson, (grandchildren), Miss Ekse Lawson, Miss Allee Tuyrwhil Step-grandchildren), Mr and Mrs Michael Fitzherbert, Brockhokes and Mr misfield, Lord and rior, the Hon Mr

Mr Thomas Edward Smith Lady

The Duke of Edinburgh was represented by Lieutenant-Colonel J.R. Stephenson, a Vice-President of the Association of Cricket Umpires and Scorers, at a memorial service for Mr Thomas Edward Smith, Founder of the Association of Cricket Umpires, held yesterday at St John's Wood Church.

The Rev John Slater officiated. Mr The Rev John Slater officiated. Mr L.J. Cheeseman and Mr R.D.V. Knight, Secretary of Marylebone Cricket Club, read the lessons. Miss Sheila Hill, Charman of the Association of Cricket Umnines and Scorers. present were:

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Church news

### Appointments

The Rev Philippa Boardman. Assistant Curate, St Mary of Eton, Hackney Wick: 10 be Priest-in-Charge, St Paul and St Mark, Old Ford (London).

The Rev Richard Caink, Vicar, Wooburn St Paul: to be Priest-in-Charge, Lacey Green (Oxford).

The Rev Richard Davey, Curate, Lower Parkstone Team Ministry (Salisbury): Io be Chaplain and Minor Canon of St Edmundsbury Cathedral.

The Rev Lindsay Dew, Vicar, Badey St Thomas: to be also Rural Dean of Dewsbury (Wakefield).

The Rev Ann Knight, Curate, Costessey: to be Rector, Great Ellingham. Little Ellingham. Rockland All Saints', Rockland Si Peter and Shropham w Snetterion (Norwich).

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### **OBITUARIES**

Terence Skemp, CB. QC. Second Parliamentary Counsel. 1973-80. and Counsel to the Speaker. 1980-S5. died on March 15 aged 81. He was boro on February 14, 1915.

DURING his 34 years as a parliameniary draftsinan. Terence Skemp developed a notable capacity for seeing how projects put to him in a very crude form, as legislative projects often are, could be made to work. It was a capacity which he employed to good purpose in the Race Relations Act 1968 (the first attempt to tackle that difficult topic in Britain on a fairly wide front) and in the monster Local Government Act 1972. The latter would have taken far longer to prepare, and would have far exceeded its 448 pages, had it not included in a form acceptable to Parliament an unprecedentedly wide and comprehensive power. This enabled consequential repeals and amendments in the large body of public and local Acts dealing with local government maners to be made by subordinate legislation.

Terence Rowland Frazer Skemp was born in the Punjab, where his father was a judge. He was educated at Charterhouse and Christ Church, Dxford, where he obtained an exhibition in law. At 21 hc applied 10 joint the Indian Civil Service, hut was rejected as too young. He did not try again but instead read for the Bar, to which he was called by Gray's lnn early in 1938. He was a pupil of the renowned Sir John Foster, in whose chambers he stayed on after his pupilage, joining the Army in September 1939. He served in the Royal Armoured Corps throughout the war, was commissioned in January 1940, awarded the Croix de Guerre, and medically discharged in 1945 after suffering a severe and partially disabling leg wound. This was about the time when

Herbert Morrison, as Leader of the Huuse of Commons, agreed to an enlargement of the establishment of the Parliamentary Counsel Office in order to enable the Labour Government's exceptionally heavy postwar legislative programme to be successfully carried through. In April 1946 Skemp was recruited by the then First Parliamentary Counsel, the redoubtable Sir Granville Ram (known affec-

Christopher Archibald,

University of British

Columbia, 1970-91, died

He was born on

December 30, 1926.





tionately in the office as "the maestro") on the recommendation of Hubert Parker (the future Lord Chief Justice). al that time junior counsel to the

Treasury. After a slightly shaky first three years (hardly surprising after so long away from the law). Skemp pulled himself up by his bootstraps and senled down to the long apprenticeship in the difficult art of legislative drafting which is necessary before one becomes fit to be let loose on Bills of one's own. In 1950 he spent six months in New Zealand and Australia studying their legislative processes. He was promoted to Deputy Parlia-

mentary Counsel in 1963, and to full Counsel in 1964, having from then oo full responsibility for all the Bills alloned to him, among the first of which was that for the Firearms Act 1965. He received a letter uf thanks from Barbara Castle, then Minister of Transport, for his work on the Docks and Harbours Act 1966 and a similar token of appreciation from the Home Secretary, Roy Jenkins, on the passing of the Criminal Justice Act 1967.

After completing work on the Race Relations Act 1968 he spent a period with the Law Commission, producing several draft Bills which were pub-lished in reports issued by the Com-

was alloned the Bill for the Local Government Act 1972, which completely reorganised local government (except in Greater London) throughout England and Wales. This broke the record for size, being at that time the longest Bill ever presented to Parliament. In the following year he was appointed CB, and became Second Parliamentary Coun-sel jointly with the late Henry Rowe, it

mission with a view to improving the

law. Having earlier gained valuable

experience in the local government

field from working as a "devil" on the

London Government Act 1963, Skemp

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Stainton as head of the office. In the event, the succession went to Rowe, partly because in 1975 Skemp developed a heart condition. This did not prevent him from drafting the difficuh Patents Act 1977, which entirely rewrote the law on that subject, and the Companies Act 1980, a major amending measure. He was also the draftsman of the Trade Union and Labour Relations Act 1974, which famously began: "I(I) The Industrial Relations Act 1971 is hereby repealed. (2) Nevertheless ... " and went on in re-enact many of the politically unexceptionable provisions of the repealed Act,

being then undecided which of the two

would eventually succeed Sir Anthony

On his retirement from the Parliamentary Counsel Office in 1980, aged 65. Skemp served for five years as Counsel to the Speaker, in which capacity his main duty was to examine statutory instruments as they appeared, and to bring any defects to the attention of the Joint Committee appointed to report on them. He came to this important task at a time when the number of statutory instruments was increasing and brought to it a fresh, active and eminently sensible ap-proach. He took silk in 1984.

Outside his work, Terence Skemp was a quiet and very modest man, with a fund of anecdotes with which he liked to amuse his friends. He was a gifted amateur planist, and enjoyed travel and gardening. He married his wife Norma in 1939 but they eventually separated; and he spent the last twenty years of his life with his partner Sandra who survives him, together with his widow, and one son and two daughters of his marriage.

### DAVID PACKARD

David Packard. businessman and former United States Deputy Secretary of Defence in

the Nixon Administration, died oo March 26 aged 83. He was born on September 7, 1912.

IN THE cut-throat environment of modern American industry, with its massive worker lay-offs and remote senior executives, David Packard was a remarkable example of a very different management philosophy. By keeping in constant touch with his employees and giving full rein to their creativity, sharing profits and providing security, he budt the Hewlen-Packard Company into one of the largest and most innovative electronics companies in the world. Together with his partner,

William Hewlen. Packard founded the concern in 1938 with a capital of \$538 and a workshop housed in his garage. Today it has 100,000 employees, and annual reve-nues of \$31 billion, with factories across the world.

Packard and Hewlett had been friends as electrical engineering students at Stanlord University, where the oft 4in Packard had also been an outstanding athlete and football player.

Both enjoyed onkering with electronics, and in short order they had invented a weightreducing machine, an electronic harmonica tuner, and a foul-line indicator for bowling alleys. Their first commercial sale, however, was to Walt Disney, who ordered eight audio-oscillators for use on the sound-track of Fontasio at \$71.50 each. The Hewlett-Packard partnership turned a profit of \$1,653 in its first year, reinvested it in the business, and never looked back. The garage, recognised as the birthplace of Silicon Valley, is now a California state landmark.

As the corporation grew. Packard strove to maintain its small company atmosphere by creating numerous divi-sions and giving each a high





come for a government salary degree of autonomy which of \$30,000, and putting his extended to the shop floor. Managers were encouraged to shares into a charitable trust. set objectives and to let the Although some, including wurkers get on with the job. Combined with a technique known as "management by walking around," which had senior executives making themselves visible and accessible on the shop floor, it proved extremely effective. Packard himself, who had a horror of chairman.

executive pomposity, insisted on being called "Dave" by his workers. A lifelong liberal Republi-

can, who had made substantial financial contributions to the party. Packard found himself the centre of controversy in 1969 when he was selected by President Nixon to become deputy to Melvin Laird as Secretary of Defence. The reason was a potential conflict of interest: Hewlett-Packard was a major defence contractor, selling an annual \$100 million worth of electron-

ic instruments to the Penta-gon, and Packard owned about 30 per cent of the stock. worth \$289 million. He resolved the issue by leaving the contpany, ex-changing his \$1 million in-

His primary interest in com-

#### Senator Albert Gore, were unconvinced, calling the move a book-keeping exercise. Packard won Senate confirmation easily and served with considerable success for the next three years before returning to Hewlett-Packard as Packard was later appointed by President Reagan as chairman of the Blue Ribbon Commission on Defence Management, recommending changes in the system of weapons procurement, and served as a member of the

Trilateral Commission from 1973 to 1981. During the 1980s Packard went into semi-retirement, though maintaining his official position with Hewlen-Packard. But, when the company goi into financial difficulties in 1991, he returned to full-time work, and inspired the reorganisation which restored its fortunes.

David Packard is survived by one son and three daughters. His wife Lucile died in 1987.

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having no objection to the Professor of Economics, award of honours on merit, he failed to see the logic of hereditary titles and so disun February 27 aged 69. claimed the peerage when his father died in 1975

Educated at Phillips Exeter J. M. KEYNES on one occa-Academy in the United States, Archibald took a wartime history degree at Cambridge. sion remarked that a master served in the Royal Army Education Corps from 194S 10 1948, and completed his education at LSE, where he studied analytical and descriptive economics. After a spell lecturing at the University of Otago he joined the staff at LSE, where he became a leading member of a group of Young Turks, dedicated to the rigorous testing of economic propositinns. In the 1950s the economics ofession tended to be split between theorists who did nnt wander too far from their armchairs, and applied economists who did not venture too far from description. Archibald and other young col-leagues at LSE, through the vehicle of their Methodology, Measurement and Testing (M2T) seminar series, declared a revolt. Economic propositions were to be isolated for rigorous analytical examination and exposed to empirical tests in order to separate the wheat from the chaff. An underlying influence



**PROFESSOR CHRISTOPHER ARCHIBALD** and testing of refutable implications is evident in his empirical work on inflation and

unemployment. . The M2T project in retrospect might seem to have been heroic but naive in its confidence in the ability of empirical tests to arbitrate between

Alan Ridout, composer, died from a beart attack in Caen, Fraoce, 10 2

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economist should be able to understand symbols and speak in words, contemplate the particular in terms of the general. and touch abstract and concrete in the same llight of thought". Chris Archibald possessed a philosopher's awareness of what can and cannot be said with words and symbols, a mathematician's precision and a scienosi's inclination towards testable predictions and crincal experiments. He also had a firm grasp of the historical stage on which economic drama is enacted. Although he had no single big idea such as leads to a Nobel Prize, among his generation he had few equals as an economist's economist. George Christopher Archihald was the son of the deputy regional commissioner for the Midlands during the Second World War. His father was awarded an hereditary peerage as Baron Archibald of Woodside in the City of Glasgow by the Anlee Govern-This presented ment. Archibald, as the only son.

LSE philosophy department such as Karl Popper and Joseph Agassi.

It was in this crucible that Archibald's distinctive approach in economic analysis was forged. The hallmark of analytical clarity can be seen in Monetary and Volue Theory (1958) in which he and came from colleagues in the Dick Lipsey demonstrated

that a change in the value of real money balances could have only a transitory effect on consumption as economies moved from one equilibrium to another. The insistence that an informative theory must be able to produce refutable pre-

dictions is well exemplified in

Chamberlin versus Chicago

(1961). The careful derivation

rival economic theories. Ad-dressing this problem in Refutation or Comparison? (1966). Archibald displayed a sophisticated awareness that testing more often allowed the empirical content of rival theories to be compared rather than refuted outright.

Archibald's enthusiasm for his subject was infectious. The world is full of students who found him the most stimulating teacher encountered in their whole course of studies. If students displayed a serious interest in the subject he was always available to deal with their intellectual and personal problems. From LSE he joined the

University of Essex in 1964, first as Reader, three years later becoming a Professor. In 1970 he moved to British Columbia - not least because of the excellent salmon rivers there. He was a highly productive Professor of Economics at the University of Brinsh Columbia from 1970 to 1991.

On retirement he returned to Britain, initially to his native Scotland before settling in Appleby-in-Westmorland. Besides his interest in economics. Archibald carried with him the integrity and sense of perspective that characterise a civilised human being. In his company, discusof economic matters sion found its place as part of a wider canvas of human experience that included wars, disasters, mountains, rugby,

bears and fish that got away. classical principles. His painful final iliness was borne with good humour. His first marriage ended in di-vorce, and he is survived by his second wife. Daphne. the Guildhall School of Music There were no children.

### THE CIVIL WAR IN PARIS

... I confess that I am amazed at the moderation of the rebels. I think that they have moderation of the rebels. I think that they have borne their honours meekly. They saw that no effort was made by our lawful protectors to avenge the massacre in the Rue de la Pair on Wednesday, and yet they have refrained from slaughtering any more of us. I live in a street close to the Committee's military Head-Quarters. It is guarded at either end by double wrate of Montmartine and Belleville nationals posts of Montmatrie and Belleville nationals. The gate of my hotel is kept locked, and the windows of the lower storeys are blinded with iron shutters. Well, all of us in this street are allowed to go in and out of our domiciles, and there has been no attempt on our lives and properties. Even at the risk of being dealt with as trainors by the Government at Versailles, we are all very respectful to the armed repre-sentatives of the Central Committee. Our very existence is in the hands of these men. The Nationals of Order have completely descried us, and, as for our legitimate rulers, they don't give us the protection of even a policeman. Is it any wonder, then, that a load was taken off the hearts of the citizens last evening when they children flocked out to promenade on the

March 19 aged 61. He was born in West Wickham, Kent, on December 9. position, however, took him to

the Royal College of Music FROM his earliest childhood. where he worked for two years with Gordon Jacob and for a Alan Ridout knew that he would devote his life to music. further two years with Her-He heard music in his head. bert Howells. By the time he and by the age of 12 he had left in 1954 several of his works written down, almost as if by had been performed, mainly dictation, more than a hunat concerts of the Society for the Promotion of New Music. dred works. Throughout his life he remained a fluent and prolific composer. He wrote some 15 operas, six ballets, eight symphonics, 25 concer-tante works, chamber music (including eight string quartets), instrumental music and a great deal of church music.

He was also an early experimenter with electronic techniques, his 1959 Psalm for Sine Wove Generators being one of the first pieces of purely electronic music by an English composer. Alan Ridout began formal

musical instruction at the age of nine when, despite vocifer-ous protest from his father, his mother arranged for him 10 take piano lessons. Three

years later he had passed the final grade of the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music examination with distinction and had already comwas 14. pleted more than a hundred works including a symphony, numerous concertante pieces chamber music and choral

settings - all modelled on Michael Tippett. He was awarded a Netherlands Gov-At the age of 15. Ridout left Haberdashers' Aske's school, ernment Scholarship in 1958 then in Hampstead, and and while he was over there several of his works were began studying music professionally. He spent two years at published, including a partita for celln solo.

His first instrumental work to be professionally performed

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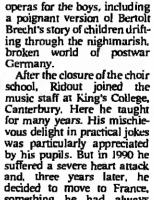
Ridout went on to teach at a school near Tunbridge Wells, continuing his studies in composition meanwhile under Peter Racine Fricker and Sir

prehensive study of early music, working alongside Thurston Dart. Professor of Music at Cambridge University. He also started leaching at Birmingham University and the Royal College of Music, as well as broadcasting for the BBC, including a series of 40 programmes, Bockground to Music and a further series Background to Musical Form. For these he

compiled and wrote the com-

panion volumes.

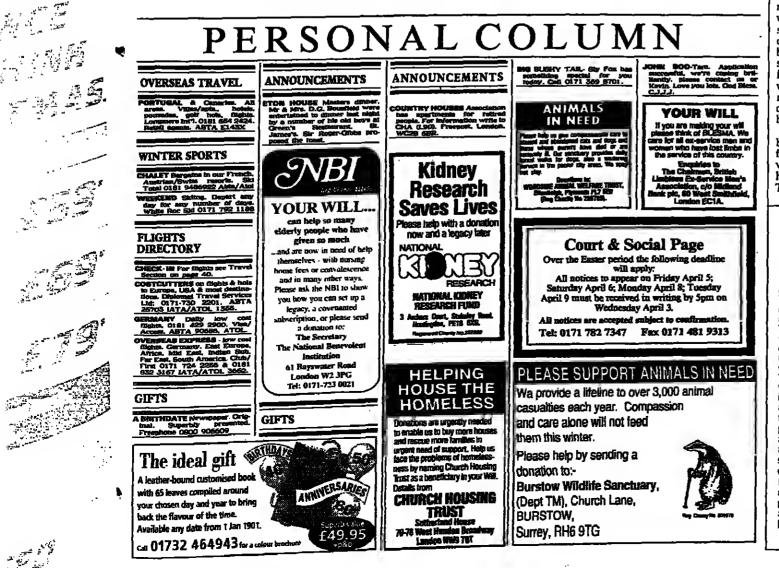
By 1964 he was teaching at 3.0 both Cambridge and London universities, while being Professor of Theory and Composinon at the Royal College of Music. Moving to Canterbury in 1968, he was also composer in residence to the cathedral and the choir school and wrote



decided to move to France, something he had always dreamt of doing. He was also received into the Roman Catholic Church in 1994, being made an oblate of the order of St Benedict soon aherwards. His last major work Conncle of Joy was premiered at the Three Choirs Festival last уеаг.

Alan Ridout never married.

Boutevards, and if a Prussian Etappen Commander had requisitioned all the jobmasters of Paris, carriages could not have appeared on the scene with more instanta-neous rapidity. The lines of bristling bayonets disappeared from the corners of the Rue Drouot and the Rue Vivienne, Nationals of Order and Nationals of "Disorder" - (1 suppose t must use the term by way of distinction, though it does sound rather disrespectful to the party in power) --embraced and kissed; and t found myself carried away in a crowd who were shouting "Vive to Republiquet" and waving their hats as a battalion of the Montmartre troops marched proudly along the Boulevard des Italiens. Today the elections have been going on peaceably, and all Paris is out pror Everyone is lurning down from the Place do Opera to see the fortifications in the Place Vendome, which they - the public - are allowed to view across the paving stone obstruction if they obey the order "Circulez" by not standing too long in one spot ... In compliment to my nationality I was permitted to enter the Place itself and inspect all the defences. I believe that a foreigner of any nationality, even Prussia, does not stand a worse chance in Paris now than he did before the Civil War commenced ....



ON THIS DAY (From our Special Correspondent) March 28, 1871 Paris, March 26, evening 建国家副院

never witnessed anything like the change that came over Paris when the second editions of the evening papers and numerous affiches made known to the citizens that the Mayors and Committee had agreed to a truce. Shutters were taken down with magical rapidity, shops were lit up with gas, and articles for sale exposed in the windows; men, women and

A commune elected by Porisions to rule the city ofter France's defeat in the Franco-Prussion Wor was crushed by Government troops in May and 25,000 insurgents killed found that, as there seemed to be no chance of assistance from Versailles, an accommodation had been arrived at between the legal Mayors and the illegal Committee, and that for a day or two, at all events, they might reopen their houses and resume their ordinary vocations? I

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### NEWS

### Blair to ballot party on manifesto

Tony Blair is to ballot every member of his party on his general election manifesto in an unprecedented move to prevent a Labour government running into internal trouble that could damage its chances of survival.

All 365,000 members will be consulted next autumn about a draft manifesto setting out Labour's priorities for the first years of government and the document will then be fine-tuned in the weeks before the election ..... 

### **Revolution in the sixth form**

Gillian Shephard signalled the biggest shake-up in sixthform study for more than 40 years when she ordered tighter Alevel standards and introduced a qualifications framework linking vocational and academic courses. She accepted a raft of recommendations from Sir Ron Dearing ...... Page 1, 10, 11, 21

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A French victim of Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease may have died of the same strain of the illness as the British patients whose cases have been linked to "mad cow" disease ...... Pages 1, 9, 20, 21

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sixth-formers ..... Page 10

Students criticised GCSEs as "too

easy" in a survey of 16 to 19-year-

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Dearing. They also doubted the

relevance of A levels for later

Briton ran for his life

A Briton told the "backpacker

trial" how he ran for his life when

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**Clarke stands firm** 

### Tories hold up

Support for the Tories has held up in the first opinion poll published since the beef row erupted. But Labour and Tony Blair continue to enjoy their highest ratings since last July..... Page I

### School power

Wide-ranging proposals to give all schools more power, leading eventually to the establishment of more grammar schools, will be promised by Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary ... Page 2

### MP banned

Sir Nicholas Scott, MP, was fined £450 and banned from driving after he left an accident where a toddler's pushchair was trapped between cars.. .. Page 3

### Charge dropped

Rachel Heath, a home help accused of attempting to murder a woman who was suffering from terminal cancer, had her case dismissed ..... Page 5

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A mental patient allowed back



Thousands of people watched The Matthew, a replica of John Cabot's flagship, as she left Bristol to start sea trials yesterday

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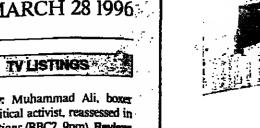
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WILLIAM REES-MOGG It may be true that one is no more likely to catch Creutzleldt-Jakob disease from British beef than one is to win the Lottery. But that is not much of an argument to use to the British public, 90 per cent of whom have bought lottery tickets in the hope of winning ..... Page 20 PETER RIDDELL

This will be a tight document - no "shopping-list of policies starting with agriculture and ending with zoos", as Robin Cook put it. There' are likely to be a few "flagship" policies, symbolising how Labour would be different ..... Page 20 JOHN BRYANT

A century ago beef tea was the , chosen stimulant for the mad keen sportsman, thought even more effective than morphine. strychnine and belladonna. You could take what you liked - and it was your, own lookout ..... ..... Page 46



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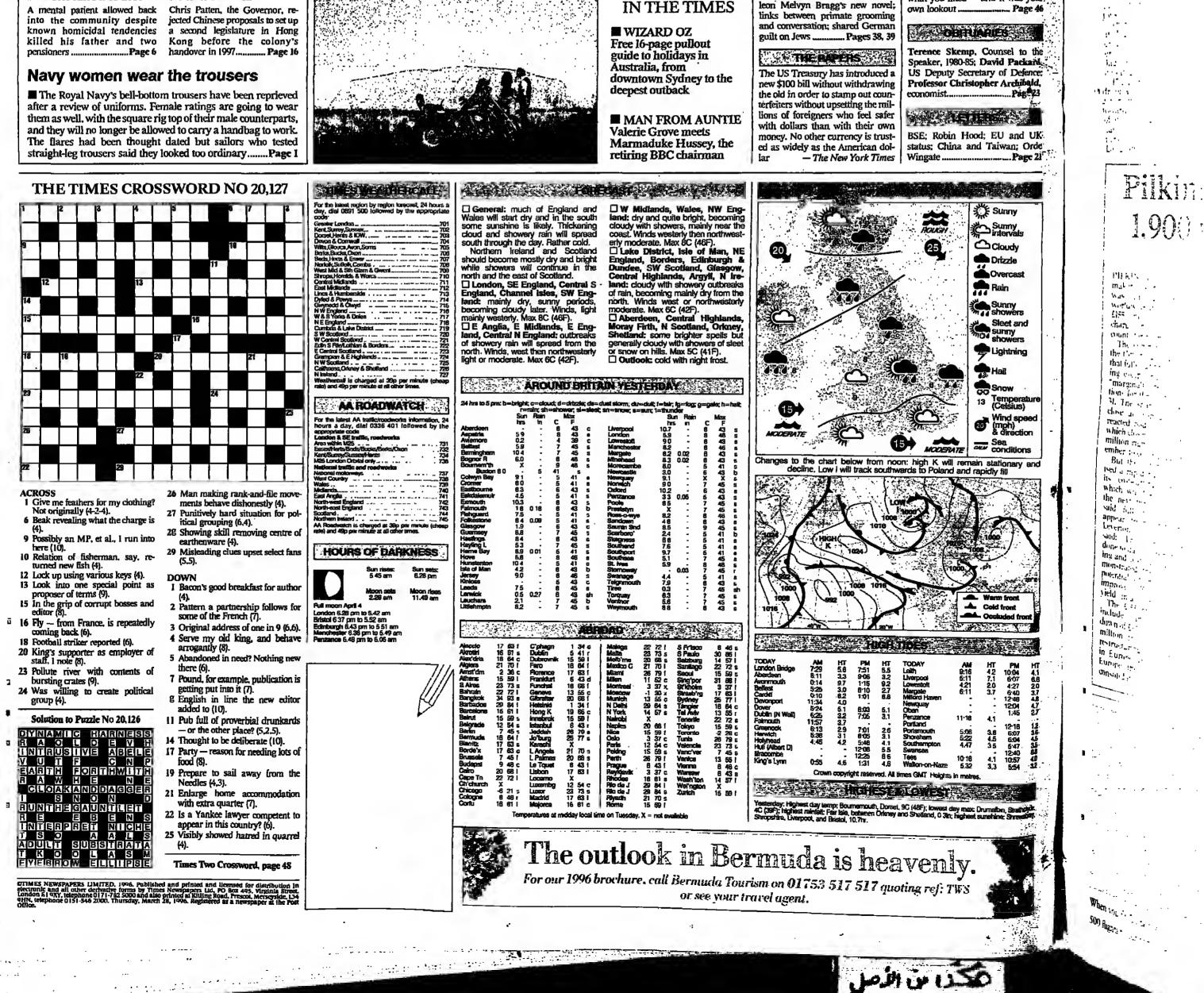
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Chris Patten, the Governor, re-



#### L'Carriere. Motor racing: Viviane Senna, sister of the late world champion driver. has raised \$2 million this year towards helping Brazilian children to ..... Page 46 escape poverty ..... Rugby league: After nine months of rehabilitation and pain, Frano Botica is ready to resume the most

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New films: Director Tim Robbins takes a giant stride forward in his powerful new Dead Man Walking. while action maestro Renny Harlin takes a giant stride back in the cliched pirate flick Cutthroat Island... Robbins speaks: Why Tim Rob-

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#### By KEVIN EASON, MOTORING EDITOR

Jaguar's parent company.

JAGUAR yesterday won its fight for £80 million worth of aid that will help to pay for investment to build a new car and create thousands of jobs.

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There will be 1,300 new jobs at Jaguar with up to 5,000 created in component suppliers, while another 3,000 in Jaguar and at Ford plants will be safeguarded. The European Commission

) dropped objections to British manufacturers. government plans for grants towards the £400 million cost ing the mid-range

of Trade. He told European missioner van Miert in Brussels about the strategic impor-Commissioners that the investment was one of the most tance of this project for the British car industry and for the West Midlands." important in the European motor industry but would be lost to the United States unless

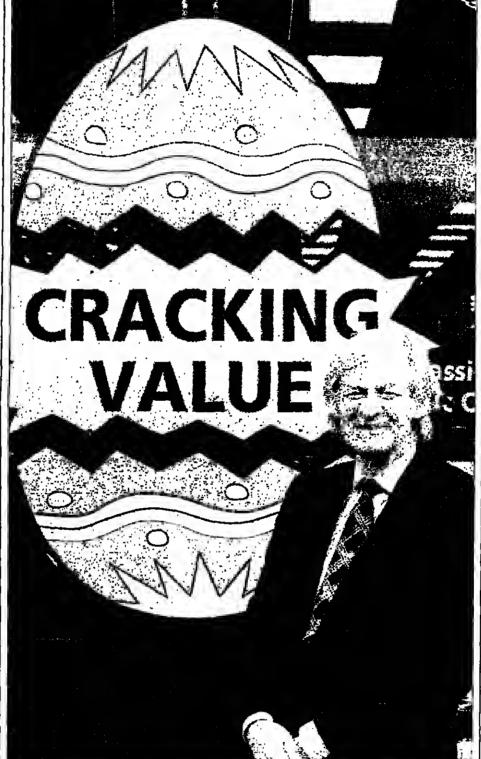
Even though there was an the aid was available to Ford, emotional attachment to Britain, Alex Trotman, Ford's Ford could have built the British-born chairman, was new, small Jaguar at an prepared to ditch plans for a existing plant at Wixom, near site here for the sake of Detroit, one of many areas of producing the car at lower cost the USA desperately bidding in a modern American plant. Now Britain will build the car for new investment by motor that enthusiasts have dreamt Mr Lang said yesterday: about for more than 25 years.

Jaguar is planning

saloon, codenamed X200, that

will challenge the C- and E-

class models from Mercedes



to operate motorway BY ROSS TIEMAN

INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

BICC and Trafalgar House have scooped a \$200 million contract to build and operate a new motorway linking the MI to the Al north of Leeds, BICC, which did not pre-qualify, replaced Wimpey as Trafalgar's partner after Wimpey was acquired by Tarmac in an asset swop. The substitution was approved by the Govern-ment on the advice of Price Waterhouse, its consultant on the Private Finance Initiative. The consortium will design, build, finance and operate the link, the second major road scheme agreed under the PFI. The project involves widening the M62 to four lanes, building a motorway with three lanes in

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# **Pilkington cuts** 1,900 workers

### By ALASDAIR MURRAY

PILKINGTON, the glassmaker, yesterday revealed it was cutting 1,900 jobs worldwide and would take a £155 millioo exceptional charge in this year's ac-counts for restructuring.

The company also upset the City by giving warning that full-year profits, excluding exceptionals, would be "marginally" below expectations for the year to March 3t. The shares fell 8.5p to close at 198p as the City reacted badly to the news, which closely follows a £300 million rights issue in November, to cover acquisitions. But the company promised a rapid pay-back from its cost-cutting measures. which will take place over

the next three years, and said full benefits would appear from 1998. Roger Leverton, chief executive, said: "The work we have done to date on benchmarking and cost cutting has demonstrated the continuing potential within the group to improve efficiencies and yields in all our activities." The £155 million charge includes an asset write-down of £85 million and £70 million in costs from the restructuring of operations in Europe and the US. In Europe the company will consolidate operations after

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said it would rationalise its glass plants focusing on the production of laminated, tempered and encapsulated glass. The company will also cut costs at its German building products arm after a difficult trading year. Pilk-ington said the plan is to be self-financing in cash terms. Job cuts are expected to take place across the businesses but Pilkington would not specify further because it is still involved in talks with unions. Mr Leverton said cuts among the 3,500 Brit-ish staff would be limited and achieved by natural

wastage over three years. Pennington, page 27



Leverton: "potential"

and BMW's 5-series from 1998. The car will be the spiritual descendant of the famous Mark II series of cars which helped to establish Jaguar around the world in the 1960s. It will also be the first time Jaguar has had a threemodel range - comprising the X200, XJ6 saloons, and the new XK8 sports car which is launched later this year since 1970, when the business the £120 million purchase of the Italian SIV last Novemwas owned by British ber. In the US Pilkington Leyland. Jaguar is developing an integrated factory next to its paint plant at Castle Bromwich in Birmingham for the X200. In addition to 1,300 new jobs at Castle Bromwich,

the investment will secure around 3,000 jobs at Ford plants at Bridgend in Wales and Halewood on Merseyside which will be key suppliers. The European Commission had objected to £40 million of the grant which was to come from the Government's re-gional selective assistance

budget, ruling that the aid would have to be substantially cut. The balance of grants package comes in the form of site and land reclamation by English Partnerships, environmental work and training provided by local agencies. Mr Lang insisted that the cash would establish Jaguar as a major volume producer, raising output from between 35,000 to 40,000 cars a year to

80,000 in 1998 and nearer 100,000 by the end of the century. Nick Scheele, Jaguar's chairman and chief executive, said: "This is excellent news for Jaguar's employees, customers, dealers, suppliers and the West Midlands economy."

underlying pre-tax profits 2 per cent, to £287.2 million, on Pennington, page 27

yourself business.

Sir Geoffrey Mulcahy saw Kingfisher, the Woolworths group, lift profits to £287 million

# **Kingfisher's B&Q dives**

### BY SARAH BAGNALL

KINGFISHER, the Woolsales up 8 per cent, to £5.3 hillion. The results beat marworths to Comet retail group, ket forecasts, which ranged vesterday reported a sharp fall in profits from its B&Q from £244 million to £282 milsubsidiary, but denied that the chain's chief executive had lion, helping to lift the shares 21p. to 554p. Including one-off costs, pre-tax profits rose 27.6 per cent, come close to leaving because of a clash of views over the way forward for the do-itto £311.7 million.

Sir Geoffrey Mulcahy, chief executive, said: "The result at B&Q, the market leader, saw profits drop by a third, to £55.4 million, in the 53 weeks B&Q was disappointing partly because the DIY market is at to February 3. However, the decline was more than offset its worst for five years." To try to improve the 279-strong by improved profits from all the group's other operations. Overall, Kingfisher lifted chain's fortunes, Kingfisher has cut its store opening pro-gramme for the warehouse format from nine to four in the current year. It has also found

scope for £20 million of effici-

ency gains in B&Q. Referring to speculation that Jim Hodkinson, head of BRITISH companies will liave to include details of their B&Q, was about to go because training performance in their of differences of opinion, Sir annual reports if Labour Geoffrey said "it was never an comes to power, according to issue" and that the resulting new proposals to be announced today. Labour believes that the plan of action was put to the

board by Mr Hodkinson. The group's first-half underlying pre-tax profits fell by 12.8 per cent, but second-half profits rose by 8.7 per cent. An 11.7p final dividend, due on Joly 2, makes 16.2p, up from t5.2p. Earnings per share rose by 32.8 per cent, to 34.4p.

The move borrows a tech-Tempus, page 28 nique proposed for board-

scrutiny.

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To fund construction and operation, the contractors have arranged up to £300 million of finance. Some EIS million will be provided by the two partners as equity. A further £175 million of senior debt will be provided by a panel of six banks, and the European In-vestment Bank will lend £90

million. The Highways Agency declined to comment on the outcome of the conspetition. but an announcement is imminent. Construction work will be undertaken by Balfour Beatty, a BICC subsidiary, and Trafalgar. The deal opens a new alliance between the two groups.

BICC is in a consortium called Connect with Philip Holzman, the German contractor, Bank of America and WS Atkins, the consultant, to bid for two projects in the second round of Highways Agency road tenders.

move, part of its plans for

training set out in the docu-ment. The Skills Revolution --

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Century, will increase the

provision of training by plac-ing companies under public

tive of Arjo Wiggins Apple-ton, the Anglo-French paper group, is to leave by mutual consent with a total compensation package expected to top £1 million (George Sivell writes).

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Compensation negotiations by M Soulas will centre on a two-year contract. an annual salary in the last published annual report of £370,000 and options worth about £400,000

if exercised at yesterday's share price of 204p. up 6p.

M Soulas seems to have fallen victim to a strategic review of the group's problems, announced along with depressing results for 1995 three weeks ago. Pre-tax profits dived from E217 million to E72 million.

Arjo has appointed Philippe Beylier as group managing director. He is currently responsible for the company's merchanting division and takes up his new responsi-bility with immediate effect.

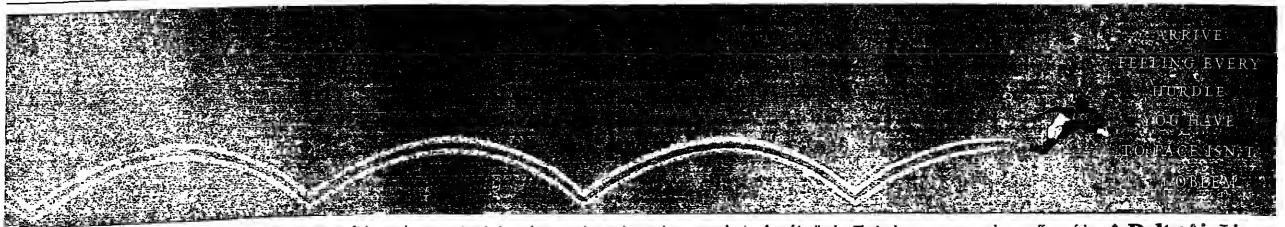
# Labour wants annual reports on training

### BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

room pay by the inquiry headed by Sir Richard Greenbury, chairman of Marks and Spencer, which last year recommended much greater disclosure of executive pay levels and increases in companies annual reports.

The plans, which will be launched today by Tony Blair, the Labour leader, also include the scrapping of the party's long-standing commitment to a training levy, replacing it with incentives to train. ing voluntary

Skills agenda, page 29



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### **BUSINESS NEWS**

# **Dual stock** auctions to help sell £32bn gilts

BY JANET BUSH ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

THE Government announced yesterday that it estimates it will used to sell £32.6 billion of gilts during the coming financial year and unveiled plans for three new dual stock auctions.

The figure for estimated gilt sales is so high because of a large number of gilt redemptions that have to be refinanced. These are expected to total £11.5 billion, compared with £4.1 billion. The new dual stock auc-

tions will, for example, mean that the Bank of England could auction one stock on a Tuesday and another one on Thursday. The aim is to reduce the size of individual auctions and enable the authorities to fund more evenly across maturity bands. In the next financial year, there will be three dual auctions and eight traditional single stock auctions.

The Government also PLANS for a new law to proconfirmed yesterday that it hibit cartels, anti-competitive will not hold auctions for agreements between comindex-linked gilts which panies and other market-rigging behaviour have been tabled by the Government. will continue to be sold through taps. The Office of Fair Trading

will be given new powers to enter premises and seize or

copy documents when search-

ing for evidence of market-

rigging, if a Green Paper un-

veiled by Ian Lang. President of

the Board of Trade, is imple-

mented. The OFT would also

be empowered to make prohi-

bition orders. banning appar-

ently anti-competitive practices

until an investigation into them

The proposals, awaited since

was completed

The gilt market finished a touch lower yesterday, partly because the Government's Debt Management Report focused attention on the large amount of stock that has to be absorbed next year. Earlier, however, a £3 billion auction of five-year gilts was more than two-and-a-half times subscribed. This far better than the market had expected.



Graham Howe, left, finance director, and Hans Snook were delighted to talk about the success of Orange's flotation yesterday

# Lang outlines updated law to tackle cartels

### BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

reforms were promised in 1989, mark a fundamental shift to bring UK competition law closer into line with practice in continental Europe. , John Bridgeman, the Direc-

tor-General of Fair Trading. welcomed the proposals en-thusiastically and called for them to be implemented "as soon as possible". He said: "Strengthening the investiga-tory powers of the Director-General of Fair Trading to uncover cartels and deal with abuse of market power is to be welcomed. It is overdue."

The announcement was also welcomed by British Telecom. The company said the thrust of the Green Paper supported

its position in discussions with Oftel, the telecoms regulator, over Oftel proposals for a general prohibition of anti-competitive behaviour in the telecommunications industry. We note that it expressly envisages a right to have a decision of the OFT reviewed by an independent tribunal

and for points of law to be referred to the High Court on appeal," the company said. Thus far, Oftel has rejected BT's pleas for such an appeal mechanism. Mr Lang said he wanted to

consult widely to achieve "a system that will bring benefits to business and consumers while at the same time not

imposing any unnecessary regulatory burdens".

The new law is expected to strengthen British competition law and bring it into line with Article 85 of the European Community treaty. Under the proposals, companies that are party to illegal agreements will be liable to fines of up to 10 per cent of their UK turnover. Directors who negonate or operate prohibited agreements could face fines of up to £150,000 in the High Court.

The OFT, which has 420 staff and an annual budget of £19,4 million, expects to reinforce its 60-strong investiga-tions department if the proposals become law.

has a stake of almost 50 per cent, down from 68 per cent. while British Aerospace's stake fell from 32 per cent to about 22 per cent. The success of the flotation helped to boost BAe shares by 13p to 868p.

Orange plans to use the funds raised to pay off shareholder debt and expand its network. It is aiming for 95 per cent coverage by the end of next year, up from 85 per cent at the end of 1995.

# Investors get the taste for Orange

By ERIC REGULY

SHARES in Orange, the third-largest mobile phone com-pany. opened for trading yesterday at 245p, well above their issue price of 205p. and closed at 23712p. with 69 million shares changing hands.

Hans Snook. Orange's managing director, said in hindsight the company could have priced the shares higher, but was happy with the price level chosen. The indicated price range was 175p to 205p and strong demand (the issue was ten times oversubscribed) ensured that few investor applications came in below 205p. He said: "The important

thing for us was not ultimately to squeeze every tiny bit that we could out of this thing. We are after all, a company that is

not making mooev." Orange has about 480,000 customers, against 379,000 at the end of December. It is not expected to post operating profits before 1997. Its pre-tax loss in 1995 was £140.5 million. The offer price valued Or-ange at £2.45 billion and raised E624 million before the over-allotment of 32.5 million shares, or 10 per cent of the total offering of 325 million sbares. Of the total, some 26 million shares went to 33,000 individual investors in Britain. Hutchison Whampoa, the Hoog Kong group that launched Orange in 1994, now

**BUSINESS ROUNDUP Barclays cuts sum** for pension fund

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BARCLAYS BANK is to cut its contribution to its main UK pension fund, the Barclays 1964 Fund, by two thirds, or £50 million, for the next three years after an actuarial valuation showed it in surplus. Bifu, the banking union, condemned the move as "immoral". Rob MacGregor, of Bifu, said: "We want that money spent on the lowest income pensioners."

The bank is cutting contributions from £75 million to £25 million, or from the equivalent of 7.5 per cent of salary to 2.5 per cent. A three-yearly valuation last year put the fund value at sufficient to cover 125 per cent of accrued benefits. Barclays said: "This does not affect the staff, but will cost the group less."

# Mid Kent ready to fight

MID KENT, the water company, may make a legal challenge to a possible bid by two French companies. Mid Kent says that the bid, which needs Monopolies and Mergers Commission approval to proceed, flies in the face of a 1091 MMC ruling that General Utilities must limit its Mid Kent stake to 19.5 per cent. General Utilities. UK arm of Générale des Eaux, the French utilities giant, has proposed a bid for Mid Kent with Saur, another French company. Both own part or all of two of Mid Kent's water company neighbours. Penoington, page 27

Aegis stake for sale

OMNICON, the US advertising group, proposes to sell its 9.1 per cent interest in Aegis Group, the British adverosing and media planning company. Onunicon will also dispose of its 50 million Aegis warrants. for which Aegis is to seek a listing on the London Stock Exchange. Omnicon acquired the shares and warrants when Aegis refinanced in 1993. Yesterday Aegis reported a rise in 1995 pre-tax profits to £33.6 million from £20.1 million in 1994. Earnings were 26p a share (1.4p). Dividend payments will resume this year. Pennington, page 27

# **Churchill buys Pet Plan**

CHURCHILL is to announce its acquisioon of Pet Plan, the animal insurance company, within weeks, John O'Roarke, its deputy managing director, said yesterday. The high street insurer, part of Winterthur, the Swiss insurer, said there was a lot of scope to develop Pet Plan because a large proportion of the pet-owning public had never bought cover for their animals. Mr O'Roarke said: "There is an opportunity to broaden the customer base in a market which is currently worth £100 million."

# Industry spending falls

CAPITAL spending by manufacturing industries in the fourth quarter was down 5 per cent on the previous quarter and was virtually the same as a year ago, according to revised figures from the Central Statistical Office. For the year as a whole, capital spending increased 8 per cent compared with the figure in 1994. Total capital spending by all industries was I per cent higher than in both the previous quarter and a year ago. Spending in 1995 was virtually unchanged from the previous year.

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# Independent record

INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPERS, the Irish media group, made record profits of IrE50 million in 1995 (IrE37.7 million). Operating profits increased to IrE49 million (IrE40.5 million). The rise was chiefly because of the inclusion of Independent. Newspaper Holdings, the South African subsidiary, which recently reported a 41 per cent profit increase. The total dividend rises to Irlop (Ir8.5p) with a final 1r6.5p. Earnings rose to 1r25.16p (lr20p). IN has a 43.3 per cent interest in Newspaper Publishing, which publishes the UK litle The Independent.



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for the fledgling industry. BT said it might offer the technology to rival cable companies.

The trial is under way in BT's relatively small Westminster cable franchise in London, the only cable business it owns and operates. The £3 million experiment is to expand from 100 customers to 1,000 by the summer, making it one of the largest of its kind in the world.

The Westminster trial is unlike BT's video on demand experiments in Ipswich and Colchester, which began last year and cover some 5,000 homes. The latter use standard BT phone lines and customers cannot receive live programming because of regulations that pre-vent BT from using its phone network for broadcasting.

Since Westminster is a cable franchise, BT is free to offer both phone and live video services. In addition, cables have a much higher capacity than phone lines, speeding up the interaction time between BT's computers and the viewers.

Trial customers in Westmin ster can call up movies, BBC services and a range of TV shows, including Blackadder and Fawlty Towers, whenever they want. They need a special remote control, but no set-top box. The expanded trial will focus on usage patterns and, more importantly, pricing. The service is currently free. Rupert Gavin, BT's multimedia director, said reports that the company's various video on demand trials would lead to £500 million investment were "pure conjecture".

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# **Tibbett & Britten falls**

PRE-TAX PROFITS of Tibbett & Britten, the logistics and supply chain management group, fell sharply to Ei2.1 million in 1995, from £26.9 million in 1994, in spite of a 41 per cent advance in turnover, to £652.9 million, from £464 million. The results were adversely affected by a downturn in Axial UK, the automotive logistics subsidiary. Earnings per share fell to 18.7p, from 42.8p. However, the total dividend is maintained at 16.2p, with an unchanged 11.2p final, which helped the shares to recover 82p to 505p yesterday.

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### Dilkington's provision of excuses D Ford backs Britain at a price D Cheap insurance in a perfect world

SLIP down the rabbit hule, trip through the looking glass, Pilkington's finest, of course, and welcome to the Alice-in-Wonder-land world of modern company accounts. A newborn habe ur a casual onlooker might assume that the numbers companies are required to report by law have some bearing on events in the real world. The City. of course, knows better.

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Accounting standards, rather like that age-old struggle be-tween builders of warships and those making the guns that sink them, are essentially a race between one gang that provides the armour by tightening up the rules and another looking to blow loophules in them.

The latest round in that strug-gle is nver one-off provisions against profils. These are designed to cupe with those little accidents - factories razed to the ground by fire, earthquake ur rabid wildebeest, say – that are unpredictable and should there fore be separated frum "proper" profils. We made this much, but except for those wildebeest, we would have made this much, so please, if you would, focus on the second figure. How nice to be able to remove

EX million from this year's profits, blaming those wildebeest rather than the management, and then take the credit for using them to inflate next year's profits.

PETER JANSEN, chief execu-

tive at Caradon, said 1995 had

been "horrendous" and the

worst year of recession for the

building products' group. He said: "Out main markets

of North America, UK and Germany behaved miserably, In

the first half, we saw a sharp

decline in the US, followed in the

second half by very sharp de-clines in the UK and Germany.

It is very unusual for all these

markets to give problems at the

The downturn resulted in a

same time.

Counting the wildebeest

The City, of course, is not fooled, accounting - you pour the bath as deep as you can, and then run as it is used to smoothing out any off the water later to the depth needed. For Pilkington, which was being unhelpful about the one-off humps to give a view on underlying performance - sup-posedly. Consider two releases that hit analysts desks this week. A profits model for Railrrack from SBC Warburg, in charge of the float this summer, assumes actual numbers yesterday, it has two advantages. Big provisions allow pretty well any dividend to be paid, without reference to an Ell million exceptional loss niceties such as whether it is for last year, and each of the next covered by real earnings. five financial years. In other words, one-off, unpredictable costs will cost exactly this, on

Second, the exceptionals, covering a three-year pro-gramme, come in just months before action from the ASB to tighten the accounting rules even further -- action that might make such provisions rather less acceptable in the future.

### Jaguar pounces on state subsidy

not yet been agreed or, appar-ently, even identified. A certain, but unquantified, number will be RELIEF and joy abound among the ragged-trousered enin St Helens, Pilkington's home gineers of Coventry and the barebuse and the local loyalty that helped fight off the 1980 bid from big bad conglomerate BTR. This looks perilously close to what Sir David Tweedie, chairlooted teenagers of Castle Bromwich. The grateful indigent of the English Midlands will doubtless wave multi-starred European Union flags gratefully at any passing Volkswagen or Renault in case they should man of the Accounting Stan-dards Board, calls "big bath"

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contain one of those stern but fair officials from Brussels. At last, these officials have graciously permitted the British Govern-ment to hand £40 million smackers, as well as £40 million in kind, to Ford. This aid succeeded in persuading America's number two auto group to build its new small Jaguar car in our starving regional outpost.

Otherwise, so it is said, Ford might well have made the highly traditional, hand-crafted Olde-Englishe Jaguar in Hicksville, Michigan, the Philippines or Sri Lanka. You night think that would not have been the ideal marketing ploy if the plan was to challenge the BMW 5 series with classic British craftsmanship. But Ford certainly convinced

those hard-headed types at the DTI that it was serious and that this was the deal.

Who is quibbling, in any case? State aid to Jaguar is plainly a quite different proposition from foreign state aid for Air France, Iberian Airways or Groupe Bull. being made anywhere else. Insurers take cover in claim-free zone To start with, they are state-controlled. Jaguar only used to THE rewards for a blameless be. The Government then acted smartly to allow a Ford takeover. existence are no longer confined to the afterlife - just promise to walk a safe but dull path in the thinking this would stop Jaguar here-and-now. If you are in a part of the country that has never sponging off the taxpayers.

Britain's £30 million boost for Jaguat output was also aimed to add new competition for other European car producers, whereas continental state aid for airlines was intended to help close part of the industry's excess capacity. Clearly, the British aid is more creative and since competition is good, it must be good for our continental competitors. The taxpayers' bill for the

suffered the odd prang, had your lated Jaguar 2.4 replacement video recorder stolen and lost is also smaller: comfortably under £100 million compared your luggage at a foreign airport, the response is less friendly. Insurers make much of their with the billions pumped into foreign airlines. That is a small price, given that subsidy is still ability to pinpoint risk exactly. Why, they ask, should the careful the way of the big-project world. Taxpayers should rejoice too and driver in a provincial town be made to pay for the excesses of

the boy racer in the city? But the point of insurance is that risk is pooled. If the industry's argu-ment was taken to its logical conclusion, each of us would be assessed individually. The possibility of genetic testing brings that logical conclusion much nearer. Swiss Re has drawn back, but some insurers in the

back, but some insurers in the United States already require customers to take tests before they buy life assurance. Penalising all but the physically and mentally perfect raises serious moral ques-tions. By contrast, no one should be forced to insure the uninsurable. But most of us fall somewhere between the two.

### Change of course

THERE'S a bit of leakage in the pipes in Mid Kent. The small water company of the same name was five years ago partially sealed against any intrusions from the French Générale des Eaux. The MMC told Gen-eral Utilities, its UK arm, to cut its stake in Mid Kent to 19.5 per cent and not to team up with others to take that holding higher. But last December, GU chose to gang up with SAUR, another French concern, to pro-pose a bid for Mid Kent. So what has changed in five years? We may soon learn from the courts whether undertakings made to

the MMC really do hold water.

Caradon's profits slump after 'horrendous 1995'

each and every year to the end of

the century. Just this number of

wildebeest — no more, no less. More seriously, yesterday Pilkington announced a £155

million exceptional charge to cover restructuring and jnb losses, even though the jobs have

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#### BY SARAH BAGNALL

underlying decline was exasperated by £37.3 million of exceptional charges, the bulk of which had been flagged at

the interim stage in Septem-ber. Part of the charge was to cover the cost of 1,600 job cuts previously announced. In January it emerged that the Stock Exchange had passed to the Department of Trade and Industry the results of its investigation into share dealings ahead of the September profit warning. Mr Jansen said the company had not been

sharp fall in pre-tax profits from contacted by the DTI. The sharp drop in profits £201.2 million to £114.3 million in the year to December 31. The was on the back of a small rise

in sales from £2 billion to £2.1 billion. Acquisitions contributed £156.8 million to sales and E12 million to pre-exceptional

operating profits. Mt Jansen said action was taken as soon as the down-turns in the major markets had been identified. "We have accelerated our cost reduction programme, which will be largely completed by the end of the first quarter of 1996," he said. The programme is expected to reap cost benefits of about £25 million in addition to the £25 million cost savings aiready achieved last year. All but one of the group's

businesses saw pre-exception-al profits fall. Plumbing, 1994's biggest profit contribu-lor, reported a 51.6 per cent slump in post-exceptional op-erating profits to £24.1 million. Stripping out the impact of exceptional charges and profits fell 25.7 per cent to £37 million. Mr Jansen said the group's prospects for the current year were underpinned by its strong market positions, cost reductions and new product launches. The final dividend, due June 5, was held at 6.6p making an unchanged total for the year of 9.5p. The shares rose ip 10 204p.

Apple set for \$700m first-quarter loss

#### BY RICHARD THOMSON IN NEW YORK

APPLE COMPUTER ex- million loss for the final pects to incur a \$700 million loss in the first quarter. although its chairman said the company's problems were "fixable". As the shares plunged to a low of \$23.8, against more than \$50 last summer, Gilbert Amelio, the new chairman, gave a gloomy outlook for the next few months, with revenues and shipments substantially

below last year's levels, and millions of dollars of old inventory left unsold. Although the computer group had given warning that the current quarter's loss would be more than the \$69

quarter of last year, Wall Street had not expected such a large deficit. The company said that it was due to inventory write-downs and restructuring charges, which include axing about 1,300 employees earlier this year. 'I'm confident at this point

that I know what the problems are and that they are fixable," said Mr Amelio. Apple would unveil its plans for recovery by early May, he added. The latest loss is a further blow to investor confidence in Apple, which sus-pended the previous quarter's dividend.

# **Barratt** to build £90m land fund

### By CARL MORTISHED

BARRATT Developments, the housebuilder, is raising £90 million through a rights issue to fund an increase in its land bank, aimed at raising output from 7,000 homes a year to 11,000 in the next three years. Barratt is offering one new

trust that Ford markets this

exciting new car so well that no-one could conceive of Jaguars

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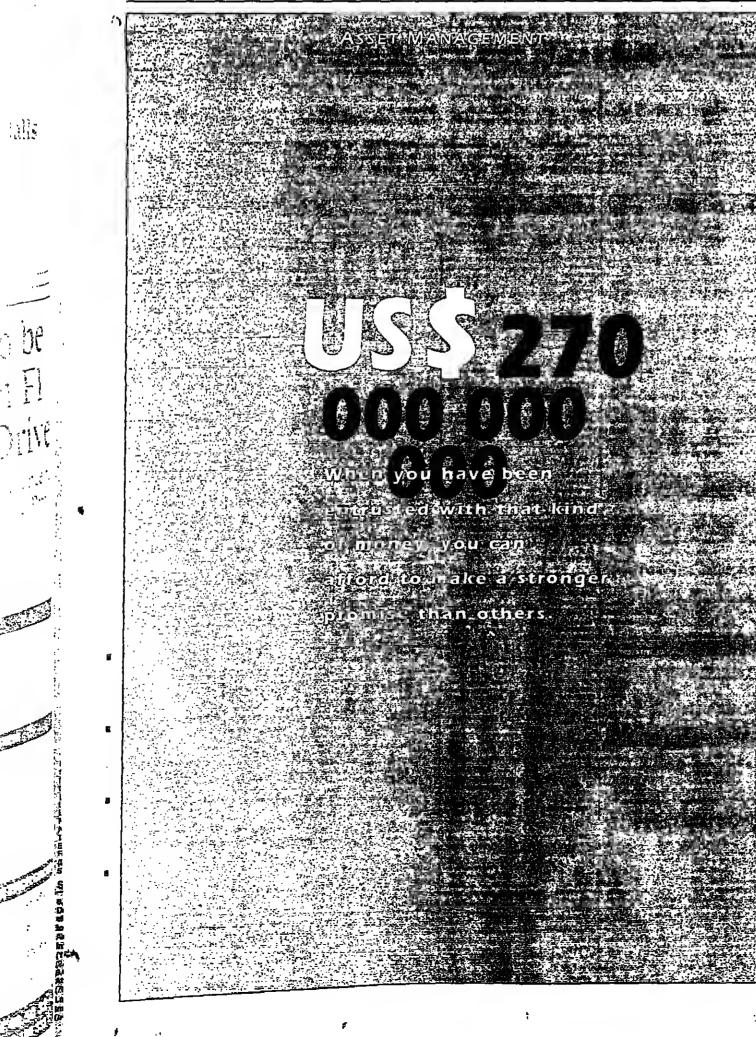
share for every four held at 200p each in its first cash call since 1982, Two new divisions will be established, one in Central London, another in the Thames Valley. Announcing a 19 per cent increase in half-year profits to

£19.1 million before tax, Sir Lawrie Barratt, chairman, said that the company would continue lo increase market share even in the absence of a turnaround in the housing

vations up 7.5 per cent in revenue terms. Sir Lawrie, scornful of suggestions that Barratt would use the funds to takeover other housebuilders, said: "We will look at them as a route to buy land but we won't pay a premium to anyone. You should get a discount for buying in bulk." The company sold 3,002 houses in the half year to December, 12 per cent up on the previous year, at an aver-age price of £81,600 and increase its land bank to 18,991 units. The interim dividend of 2.75p, up 10 per cent and covered 2.5 times by earnings.

market. He reported net reser-

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# **MARKETS / ANALYSIS**



# Ladbroke shares buoyed by persistent bid talk

TALK of a bid for Ladbroke the struggling hotel and betting group, refuses to go away. The shares put in a late sport to finish 2p dearer at 189p as almost three million changed hands. Once again, they are perched a shade below their high for the past year, with talk of an imminent bid still doing the rounds in the Square Mile.

This latest burst of speculative buying coincides with comments from Steve Bollenbach, head of the Hilton Corporation, which owns the Hilton chain of hotels in the U5. He wants the two Hilton chains merged under one roof. Ladbroke owns all the Hilton Hotels outside the US.

City speculators fear that if a bid for Ladbroke is not forthcoming soon, a major correction in the share price is on the cards. At these levels, Ladbroke is capitalised at £2.1 billion.

The rest of the equity market found the going tough. Prices were squeezed higher, but genuine retail demand was thin. Turnover fell just short of a billion shares. having been artificially bolstered by special situations.

The FT-SE 100 index finished 11.5 higher at 3,672.4, having been almost 16 points higher before the start of trading on Wall Street.

Grey-market dealings in Orange, the mobile phone operator, got off to a flying start, as expected. Offered at 205p, the top end of the range, the shares started life at 243p After briefly touching 244p, they ended at 2375 p. a premium of 322p. Official trading starts on Tuesday.

Orange was floated off by its trading joint owners. British Aerospace, up 13p at 868p, and Hutchison Whampoa, of Hongkong, and is now valued at £2.5 billion.

Much of yesterday's demand stemmed from big insti-



David Yeomans, chairman of TLS, with Peter Roberts, chief executive, and Peter Busby, finance director

that the present management

could obtain better returns on

the business. But the market is

waiting for Rentokil to raise

its offer to around 215p a

share, which may be enough

to guarantee success. Rentokil

Barratt Developments fell

7p to 232p after asking share-

holders to stump up an extra

E90 million to fund opportuni-

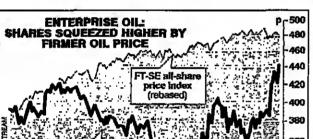
rose 21/2 to 359p.

lifted the price of oil to about \$22 a barrel. Heavy turnover was also recorded in Iceland, the frozen food retailer, after it anounced details of its share buy-back programme. The group bought back a total of 27 million shares at 156p in a move designed to boost earnings a share. This helped to boost turnover by the close to

55 million shares.

News came from Aegis, the media group, of the departure of 9 per cent stakeholder Omnicom. The Americans came in at around 20p in 1993 and had looked at a full bid but, citing client conflicts with Aegis, are taking their profits. Better than expected results restricted the damage to the shares to a 1p fall at 46 4 p.

BET, 1p firmer at 203p, was ties in the housebuilding martalking to brokers yesterday ket. Its raising the money via a giving them a rundown of one-for-four rights issue at 200p. Sir Lawrie Barratt. conditions. John Clark, chief executive, told chairman, said he was encouraged by the increased stability them that its six key operating of house prices. The news coareas would achieve sales growth of 14 per cent and an incided with better than ex-11.5 per cent rise in operating pected half year figures margins. BET is the target of showing pre-tax profits £3 an unwanted £1.8 billion bid million up at E19.1 million. But



confident about prospects in the building industry. Higgs & Hill reported a drop in pretax profits from £1.4 million to £72,000 last year. The figure was struck after a write-off of E3.5 million relating to a contract with Guys Hospital. The shares slipped 2p to 88p. Pilkington, Britain's bigest glassmaker, fell 8p to 198120 after warning of provisions totalling £155 million relating to the restructuring of its US automotive glass and German building products business. Almost 2,000 jobs are expected to be shed. The group also warned that trading conditions have become more difficult. Charterhouse Tilney, the broker, slashed its pre-tax profits forecast for the year to March 31 by £10 million to £208 million. A warning of a sharp fall in profits during the first half left Bullough Sp down at 98p. Shareholders were told at the annual meeting that contin-uing problems with the refrig-

eration operations would result in it making a loss. Brokers gave a warm reception to full-year figures from Kingfisher, where pre-tax profits came in at the top end of expectations in spite of another poor performance from its B&Q chain. The price finished up 21p at 554p. Sharp falls in profitability left Bowthorpe 10p down at 420p but failed to depress Caradan, up 1p at 204p, and Croda, tlp better at 326p.

TLS, the vehicle hire group, closed 4p up at record high of 80p after unveiling a rise in full year pre-tax profits from E1.7 million to E4.15 million. GILT EDGED: Attempts at extending Tuesday's gains failed. The market tried to go better on a number of occasions, helped by a positive response to the auction, which was 2.64 times oversubscribed ,and some useful US durable

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tutions, including index tracking funds looking to stead a march before the group is eventually admitted to the index. By the close of business, a total of 68.7 million shares had changed hands. The demand for Orange took some of the shine off Vodafone, with the price los- ing 3 <sup>1</sup> 2p to 244 <sup>1</sup> 2p as 17 million shares changed hands. Enter- prise Oil responded to a strong oil price with a rise of 19p to 442p on turnover of two million shares. The cold win- ter in Europe and increased tension in the Middle East has	and some district US durable goods numbers. In spite of lack of demand, the Bank of England exhausted remaining supplies of the "tap" Treasury Index Linked 2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> per cent 2009. In the futures pit, the June series of the Long Gilt slipped a tick to £104 <sup>27</sup> az as a total of 57,000 contracts were completed. In longs, Treasury 8 per cent 2015 was steady at E96 <sup>31</sup> az, while at the shorter end, Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was up <sup>1</sup> az at £102 <sup>1</sup> is. $\square$ NEW YORK: The Dow Jones industrial average was down at midday. It fell 11,92 points to 5,658.67.	MONUMENT Oil & Gas de- serves an E for effort but the failed to convince the market that BET is worth much more than Rentokil's bid. Rentokil, in fact, emerged yesterday as the main share price beneficiary. BET has only one major throw of the dice left, a dividend forecast for 1997. But with the company emphasising a new-found credibility, it can hardly go overboard with the forecast
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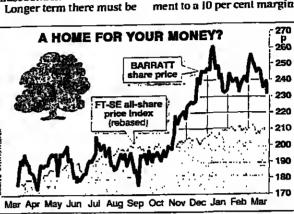
DIY needs urgent repair second half. This year's blackspot - a 33 per SIR Geoffrey Mulcahy's DIY skills are to be put to the test. Just as the Kingfisher boss had cent fall in profits at B&Q comes at a tough time in the DIY marker. Set against this, the managed to patch up a couple of leaks. group's action plan has been met with another has sprung in a once-solid business. Last year, money was pouring out of Woolworths and Comet. Now it is the turn of B&Q. However, there is a fundamental half. difference between the two problem. Last year, analysts were furrowing their brows. questioning whether Woolworths was as redundant on the high street as wallpaper stripper in a marble hall. Losses at Comet caused some to speculate whether its prob-

lems were terminal. The fears were overplayed and drastic action to improve appailing stock control helped the group to swing from a 12.8 per cent decline in profits before exceptional items in the first half to an \$.7 per cent rise in m the

approval. Some E20 million of costs will removed and capital expenditure will be cut in Planned openings of new B&Q warehouses will be cut from nine to four in the current year and budget refits will replace lavish refurbishments at about 10 per cent of the cost. B&Q's performance is, however, partly

dictated by the state of the DIY market where a shakeout is overdue. Unless capacity is reduced, the upside for B&Q is limited. Long overdue management action is insproving fortunes elsewhere in the group and should benefit the shares but the box marked Strategy is snll empty.

questions about the chase for company directors who prevolume. Several companies sumably believe in the are now focusing on the shares do not reject the South East where volumes onerous underwriting proare perceived to be buoyant. cess. In the short term the But land is scarce in the outlook is indeed good for London area and many Barratt: the company should builders are flush with cash. earn £50 million this year leaving the shares looking That can only lead to rising prices, an outcome which cheaper than the average will test Barran's commitment to a 10 per cent margin.



### BET

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BARRATT'S cash call again

raises the question of why

companies choose to under-

write rights issues. The builder's fundraising was not time critical and had

every chance of success given

Barratt's sound finances -

in essence, the company

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above the rights price of 200p

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the theoretical ex-rights price

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Barratt sbares rose on news

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As usual, the market is a

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better judge than the bank-

ers and it is a wonder why

Yesterday the shares traded

out an extra £90 million.

THE PHONEY war may be over but the takeover battle between Rentokil and BET remains a curiously passionless affair.

BET yesterday tried to kick start its campaign for independence with a presentation extolling the virtues of its six key divisions. These were contrasted with the weaker performance of cleaning, catering and personnel, hinting for the first time that some of

spend money to build up a reserve of profit. Having found the oil, the company can become a worthy but dull dividend machine or it can spend oil revenues finding more reserves.

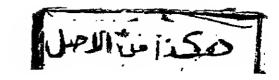
Monument does not pay dividends bul wanted to give some of its success back to shareholders without becoming a slave to a regular payout and losing its freedom to invest in exploration. However, institutions want dividends and capital growth

and has already ruled out the kind of scorched earth tactics that might excite a cynical share market. The odds are still on a small increase in the offer price to around 215p. However, as the bid continues to drift in Rentokil's direction. the company has

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the option to sit and do nothing. At this rate and if the board can keep its nerve, Rentokil may not have to raise the bid price at all.

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JAGUAR will go to

Birmingham, thanks to an

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pean Commission vester-

day, but the real deal was

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#### ANALYSIS - 29

Labour sets the

agenda for a

skill revolution

Philip Bassett on the Opposition's controversial training plans

bility to set the framework for a skills revolution, and to

play a role in making that happen. A Labour govern-

ment will accept the respon-sibility which the Tories have shunned."

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as a typical watering down of

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### ECONOMIC VIEW Hong Kong becomes a magnet for foreign cash Philip HONG KONG SHARES HAVE UNDERPERFORMED BADLY IN THE PAST TWO YEARS .... Bowring on HONG KONG AND AMERICAN EQUITIES 140 1-3-94 = 100 British FT-ACTUARIES PACIFIC INDEX (EXCLUDING JAPAN) In US Dollars S&P 500 INDEX pension fund investment MAMJJASONDJFMAMJJASONDJFM MAMJJASOND AMJJASONDJEM ... AS BRITISH MONEY HAS POURED IN Merrill Lynch survey: Net percentage of UK fund man ng to increase (+) or decrease (-) their holdin PACIFIC BASIN AND "OTHER" EQUITIES" US EQUITIES 35 the frenzied foreign buying of

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last quarter of 1995 had 5.8 per cent of their total assets investasset-price inflation occasioned by years of negative ed in the markets grouped under the heading "Pacific Rim real interest rates that have excluding Japan", an increase from 4.8 per cent a year earlier. only recently ended. They may also have noticed that over the By contrast, just 2.9 per cent years asset-price inflation has been helped along by a weak currency. The Hong Kong dollar has fallen 50 per cent Data from Pacific Rim and Asia ex-Japan mutual funds and anecdotal evidence indiagainst sterling. So why should fund managcates that the norm for such

funds is to invest 35-40 per cent ers prefer these stocks to US of assets in Hong Kong, Salomarkets with their vast array mon Brothers recently recomof leading-edge global firms, mended a 42 per cent HK weighting for Asia ex-Japan. high-tech leaders, and a huge domestic market for everyone On the basis of the figures, UK or to Asian countries that have pension funds would now have better economic growth records and prospects? There is a certain amount of selffulfilling prophecy in the manin a

whenever "emerging markets" or "Asia" become hot themes. This applies almost as much to US investors as Britons. The Americans pumped US\$6 billion into Hong Kong in 1993 and 1994 and returned with a vengeance in late 1995 after a Jull. These are huge sums and entirely disproportionate to a territory of six million people. Most HK companies are primarily dependent on Hong Kong for their earnings whatever may be the future promise of China. If China really is the draw, why the cold shoulder to China's B and

Hong Kong, South Korea and Taiwan have several companies that are global leaders. They also have domestic consumer markets far blgger and faster growing than Hong Kong. Yet they attract only a fraction of the pension money supposedly being invested in the Asia concept. One reason is the difficulty of entry. But this is often exaggerated.

A big problem with rational asset allocation is the weighting of self-styled international industries that often omit Korea and Taiwan because they deem them insufficiently open. As a result, funds seeking to track the indices ignore major econo-mies and pile into little ones.

#### backs, Hong Kong is the best place in the region to base fund management operations. Managers, being human, tend to believe they live at the centre of the world. Singapore and Malaysia, with their colonial linkages of language, laws and schools ride naturally on some aspects of the cultural bandwagon.

Markets where foreigners tance is the criticism which are of relatively little conse-quence tend to be viewed says that the paper describes and analyses well the scale of either with extra suspicion, or the training gap facing Brilat least as unsuitable benchmarks.

ain, but then puts forward a series of policy proposals which are flagrantly insuffi-Five years ago, before the opening of South Korea, Tal-wan, India and Indonesia, there cient to to meet it. Critics see the starting was reason for the overpoint as the need to scrap the eighting of Hong Kong, Singa-

pore and Malaysia. But then UK pension funds stake in Asia was much smaller. To have 5.8

per cent in Asia ex-Japan is not

in itself unreasonable. Likewise,

to believe that the US is too close

to a peak for comfort is fair

Today, the Labour par-ty will say: "We markets which simply do not need higher skill levels for profitability. ty will say: "We believe that government does have a responsi-

However short-term that view is, it is dominant in Britain, especially among small firms, Britain's training problem does not lie with Marks & Spencer or ICI but with the vast swathe of companies who know they can get by without training.

A training levy was meant posals on training. to be unveiled today. It will set out key proposals on training to address just this problem by lorcing companies to train, or face a fine. But the which business leaders have the levy did not achieve that. Labour says that the levy system reinforced rigid sectoral barriers, failed to leaders, for instance, see the cover many employment areas altogether, was highly bureaucrane and could not match the training perfor-mance of some of Britain's final, formal abandonment fail 10 train. as yet another key comperitors. But where uur. John Edmonds of the sectors still want to keep GMB general union, views their boards and their levies. such as engineering con-struction and huilding. Labthe move away from the five guaranteed days training a year in the document. The Skills Revolution — Prepar-ing Britain for the 21st Century, as a step in the wrong direction, and is unour says the levy will remain in place - a point which the party will say demonstrates clearly its intention to work with industry and not derstood to have made his against it. Labour's twofold plan — tax incennives for

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under which having won support for the document from Labour's people might be able to use smart cards to buy training, together with linking companies attaining the training-based Investors in People standard - has incentives, though critics argue ducks the deadweight it problem: how do you avoid giving free government money to companies which already train, or conversely why should such companies be penalised for training if a way is found of directing help only at firms which do not train.

Critics also argue that the ILAs will be taken up mainly by sophisticated labour mar-

### struck in the privacy of a box at Murrayfield at the beginning of March. When Ian Lung, President of the Board of Trade, and fellow-scot Alex Trotman, president of Ford Jaguar, watched their behaved rugby team lose to England. the decision to take 1,300 jobs and a £400 million investment to Birming-ham was secured. It was as the two men commiserated over Scotland's defeat that they sealed Ford's conimit-

on what it produces. Forgetting polities, Hong Kong is ludicrously over-weighted. According to figures

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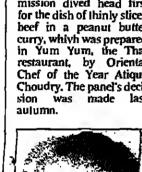
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ONLY foolhardy foodies would take the advice of the new Egon Ronay's Guide 1996 Oriental Reson UK pension fund asset allocation, these funds in the taurants. which singles out British Beef Mussuman as this year's winning dish. A panel of judges were in the US.

Ronay: judging panel

ment to make Jaguars in Britain, in spite of the European Commission's shilly-shallying over its £80 million aid package.

from Egon Ronay and the Meat & Livestock Commission dived head first for the dish of thinly sliced beef in a peanut butter curry, which was prepared in Yum Yum, the Thal restaurant, by Oriental Chef of the Year Atique Choudry. The panel's decision was made last



in the colony I's nne of those items that really belongs in Ripley's Believe in Not. Whether future British retirees still smarting from the Robert Maxwell episode would be amused by it is debatable. But it is a fact that British pension funds have almost as much money invested in the riny Hong Kong stock market as in the whole of the US. Indeed, the figure probably rose because of

Hong Kong shares in the first weeks of this year. Peking's threats against Hong Kong's constitutional arrangements and Taiwan have underlined the political dangers 10 an economy that depends so much on international confidence and China's relarinns with the West rather than



JAMES CAPEL analysts are clearly great beef eaters. The winners in this fornight's stock selection, paraded in its fortnightly newsletter. include Harrisons & Crosfield, which has exposure to animn! feeds and Northern Foods. which handles milk and meat products. Then there's TON. which has finks with asbestos. and the financin! company with the unfortunate name of Cattle's.

### Smoke alarm

IN THESE health conseious days, smoking has be-come a minority habit for all but a handful of public figures. The cigar-smoking Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, is one notable exception as is Bank Governor Eddie George. Now steady Eddie a seasoned cigarene smoker, is getting

a snul mate when lawyer Tricia Howse, assistant director of the Serious Fraud Office, takes her highly rated fraudbusting skills to the Bank's prosecutions department.

### Self service

GARDNER Merchant, the UK's largest caterer, which packs 3,000 business-size lunch boxes for the Institute of Directors conference at the Royal Albert Hall every year, is now assembling buffetsize boxes for ravenous theatregoers. Since the in-troduction of eat-in-theseat hampers went down so well with the audience al Passion in the Queens Theatre last night, Stolt Moss, the West End theatre group, hopes tu take its idea in the English Naoonal Opera. The grub, including canapes, smoked salmon sandwiches, and truffles, costs £12.50 with wine or £20 with champagne and can be urdered with your tickets.

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a total exposure to Hong Kong of about 2.5 per cent of total assets. Add in holdings in Singapore, which normally account for at least IS per cent of relatively small market such Rim portfolios, and the expoas Hong Kong. A rising marsure to two city states exceeds ket attracts more that to the capitalist world's funds and justipremier market. The two have fies the original position. But with a combined GDP of about one 40th that of the US.

foreign institu-This bizarre fact poses questions taking a tions about the judgment of larger and larger share of the Hong highly paid management groups. Just why is Hong Kong market, the medium-term dangers of for-Kong such a magnet for foreign money? In the short eign sentiment changing are term, foreign fund managers' serious. Contrary to received wisdom in London, Hong Kong is not a small shareholdbullish attitudes to Hong Kong contrast with the wariness of local investors facing ers' paradise. That may have an economic slowdown, the been the case once, but only 10 per cent of Hong Kong's uncertainnes of 1997, and regional tensions. Recently, population own shares direct-Hong Kong companies have and mutual funds are not popular with the locals. Local been able to get away with individuals now account, achuge share placements to foreign institutions that would have sent shudders through cording to the HK Stock Exchange, for only 30 per cent of local turnover. Thirty per the market if offered as rights cent is directly foreign and to existing local shareholders. On a longer view, Hong another 30 per cent is down Kong companies have perlocal institutions, which in formed well in terms of earnmany cases are foreign owned and acting lor foreign invesings growth. But presumably tors. Foreigners account for the fund managers have some inkling of the fact that most some 60 per cent of this major Hong Kong companies owe their high levels profitmarket in stocks which, with a few exceptions, derive their profits almost entirely from ability to the oligarchical ar-Hong Kong. rangements that prevail in Hong Kong's property, bank-

From Mr Thomas P. Hartley

Sir. Today's business section

contains a report, Bosses wor-ried over education of job applicants, March 25, on the

IoD's study regarding the failure of the eduction system to provide suitable candidates for industrial training, and on

the facing page, a report Too

few firms have a training bud-

for those who do qualify.

From Mr A. J. F. Hill

debts.

Sir, It isn't only the Lloyd's

names who are displeased by

the recent settlement propos-

als. There are now about 3,200

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Some of them, such as

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protection. For us, a settle-

Hong Kong gets an inordinate amount of the fund flows ing and unlity sectors and to

growing markets, not the ersatz China of Hong Kong. One answer fund managers

H shares that provide an entree into the real China of

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### 6 Contrary to received wisdom in London, Hong Kong is not a small shareholders' paradise 9

will give is that Hong Kong is an open and liquid market. But it is no bigger than Taiwan. True, it is more open to foreigners, but Singapore attracts much investment in spite of restrictions on foreign and Taiwan. But if choice of ownership of top companies indices of Asia are to be so that have led to foreign institudistorted, it is no wonder that the asset allocations will be tions paying huge premiums for a presence.

billions worth of property and Pension funds, one might other Hong Kong companies suppose, were investing for the long term not for fast in-andthat are nothing outside their out profit, for the benefit of little territory but look askance their beneficiaries rather than at the region's manufacturing the brokers. Other economies giants. Cultural factors are strongly have infinitely bener claims to being the cutting edge of the new Asia. Hong Kong is a narrowly focused market in a in evidence too. Hong Kong has all the leading Anglo (Teutonic)-American firms of mature economy. It shares brokers and fund managers with Malaysia and Singapore (thanks to the foreigners) a who like to deal with the familiar - that is each other. market capitalisation to GDP They are the ones who give Hong Kong blue-chips liquidratio of well over 200 per cent ity. Even without (or because - far higher than found elsewhere in the world. Unlike of) a lack of control on kick-

From Mr Bill Dixon

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other by shortterm performance or against indices that they inevitably ignore altogether or seriously under weight the larger and more dy-namic economies like those of Korea, even when they have active markets. Some pension

too. Thus funds end up with

dispensations from Oftel.

So many funds are more

concerned with judging each

funds have genuine legal difficulty with foreign exchange regulations in South Korea

enough. But as much in Hong Kong as the US, there is so much to choose from in fast growing Asia? There are expla-nations for that Ripley-esque statistic. Whether there is an excuse is another matter.

> Anatole Kaletsky is away for two weeks

tick of the training levy in favour of the carrot of indiket participants. vidual and enterprise-level incentives.

Labour argues that current training provision in Britain is fragmented, unsuited to the modern labour market, and largely ignored. Key Labour figures have been made aware of research showing that four-fifths of companies in Britain do not train their workforces, not because they are opposed to training - but because they are operating in product

For its part. the Labour leadership is convinced it has found a winner with the proposals, which it is convinced will find strong fayour with both business and individuals. In five years' time." says one key new Labour adviser. "people will look back on this as a turning point. That's how important to business, the economy and to individual people our training proposals will be."

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dead names' debts

ment that promises "finality" - but which cannot deliver FINALITY (because Equitas is so open-ended) is worse than useless.

Lloyd's has made absolutely no attempt to inform or advise executors on how to proceed -8 Ebner Street. we are not allowed into SWL

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Oftel itself cannot cope. In effect, relecommunications is Sir. The UK telecommunications industry is in trouble. being run by an overburdened Twelve years of tinkering with competition at the boundary government bureaucracy level leaves BT with a domiwhich tells the industry what nant market share, reinforced to do. We are back to square one. Uncertainty and delay by the control it exerts over its competitors as the main supare damaging the confidence of new entrants and suppress plier of interconnect. The price reductions ing the development and adoption of new technology. achieved by regulation are nothing special for a high-tech Britain's worldwide status as an innovator in telecommunica-

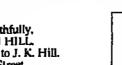
The cure for telecommunication ills

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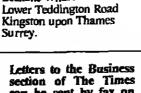
Yours faithfully. ADRIAN HILL. Executor to J. K. Hill.

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### BUSINESS LETTERS Return to apprenticeships needed

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# **BUSINESS NEWS/ACCOUNTANCY**

# Industry groups fail on reform, says study

#### BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

THE Government's attempt to reform Britain's patchwork of trade associations has so far largely failed, the first study of trade bodies in the UK suggests today. The study, by the head of a major association. says that the organisations must become more effective. Michael Heseltine, while

President of the Board of Trade, called for reform of Britain's many, often-competing trade associations, urging them to rationalise themselves, and warning them that the Government would deal with only the lead association in a sector to simplify its relations with industry. However, today's study suggests that little has so far come from Mr Hes-

**SIB** chief urges bank reforms

By ROBERT MILLER

THE threat posed to the international banking and monetary systems by failures such as those of Barings and Daiwa must be tackled by improved cross-border co-operation between supervisors, markets and the industry itself, the UK's most senior watchdog said yesterday. Speaking at conference in Tokyo, Sir Andrew

Large, the chairman of the Securities and Investments Board, told delegates that banks and securities firms must be encouraged to develop better standards of practice in accounting and disclosure.

In future, such businesses should prepare their consolidated accounts in a common way and to internationally agreed accouoting stan-dards. Sir Andrew said.

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eltine's initiative - in particular, from the Government. The study says: "There is, as yet, little evidence that the Department of Trade and Industry has sought to encourage rationalisation ... The Department generally does not appear to have increased the extent to which it comments on the effectiveness of trade associations, still less has it dealt only with one trade association in a particular field." The study, by Mark Boleat, Director-General of the Asso-ciadon of British Insurers, Britain's largest trade associadon in terms of subscription income, also questions the

functions for trade associaoons suggested by Mr Heseltine — in particular, the idea of their working to increase international competitiveness, which, it says, is "irrelevant" for many smaller associations. Although the study recog-nises the difficulty of measuring the effectiveness of such bodies, it says that further reforms are essential if they are to promote and represent British industry properly.

It says that there are now about 1,300 trade associations in Britain, with total subscripdon income of about £270 million a year. Thirteen each have income in excess of £3 million. Mr Boleat reveals details of

CBI membership levels, putting them at more than 250,000 public and private companies, and more than 200 trade associations, employers' bodies and other com-

mercial organisations. Mr Boleat urges trade associations to be fully engaged in the political process, and says: "Members should be kept fully informed about the current political and regulatory framework to ensure that policy views coming forward have not been developed in a vacuum. Many trade associations fall down at this hurdle."

million) in 1995. Earnings fell to 15.5p (18p) a share. A final divideod of 6p lifts the total to 8.9p. The shares rose 2p to 211p. Jim Rawson, chairman, □ Trade Association Strategy said relative stability in raw and Monagement, by Mork Boleat (Association of British material costs and selective price increases would help to improve margins. Insurers, 51 Gresham Street, London EC2: El5)



Jim Rawson, left, with Paul Hazel, finance director, has seen profits decline at Epwin.

### **Epwin dips Monument plans £50m return** as costs rise

TOUGH trading in the mar-ket for u-PVC windows and building products, together MONUMENT OIL & GAS, with a sbarp rise in the cost of the exploration company with a large interest in the Liverraw materials, reduced prepool Bay gas field, proposes to return £50 million of capital to tax profits at Epwin Group 18 per cent to £5.1 million (£6.2 shareholders. The payment to investors, amounting to 7120 per share and equivalent to almost a third of the published net assets, will be made after the interim results in August. At the same time, investors in Nimex Resources, Monument's 38 per cent sharehold-

er, will swap their shares for Craven Walker said the change of capital structure equivalent numbers of shares in Monument. The Nimex would be accompanied by a investors include Tony Craven shift in emphasis towards exploration with plans to Walker, founder and chief spend £20 million per year. Monument raised its ne executive of Monument, and Groupe Bruxelles Lambert profits 61 per cent to £12 million last year. It is not and Electra Investment Trust. Monument has decided to paying a dividend but does not shrink just as gas production starts in Liverpool Bay, a rule out future dividends or development which will subshare repurchases. stantially increase the cash flow of the oil company. Mr

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Electricity BUSINESS ROUNDUP pool backs down over cost base

### BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

TRADING arrangements for competition in household electricity moved on a step yesterday after the Electricity Pool, which administers the wholesale market in power, backed down over costs for the system. The pool, whose members come largely from the regional electricity companies and generators, had an earlier proposal for trading mechanisms in the competitive market rejected as too expensive. The electricity regulator, who is under increasing pressure in deliver choice for household consumers by an April 1998 deadline, replaced the £250 million development costs and £70 million annual operating expenses with his own costings of E50 million and £15m.

His calculations excluded the cost of development work to support the system, which had been included by the pool and estimated at £150 million. The pool said it could now deliver the competitive market

for £55 million development and £12 million annual operating costs. Expenses for the programme will be met by the regional companies.

Subject to the endorsement of Stephen Littlechild, the regulator, work will start on creating the mechanics of the system. He also has to consider an appeal by East Midlands Electricity over the costs and funding for the 1998 programme.

Some industry experts believe that progress has not been rapid enough to deliver an efficient system by 1998. A number of regional companies, who stand to lose market share to newcomers, say the costs of a competitive market could wipe out the benefits,

Healthcall steps up investment level HEALTHCALL GROUP, the healthcare services company, is accelerating investment in primary care centres, anocipating

an increase in demand for its services from general practitioners. GPs have launched a public awareness campaign to curb public demand for their services and primary care centres are being offered as an alternative 10 a home visit. Healthcall yesterday reported a 23 per cent rise in pre-tax

profits to £7.9 million in 1995, its first full year as a listed company, from £6.39 million in 1994. Proforma earnings rose Il per cent to 9.2p a share. The total dividend is increased 10 per cent top 4.95p a share, with a 3.3p final due on May 14.

# **Builders look to 1997**

THE output of the construction industry, which fell I per cent last year, is likely to bottom out this year and pick up in 1997, with recovery led by the private commercial and industrial sector and repair and maintenance work, according to Cambridge Econometrics. Lower interest rates and an increase of work from the Private Finance Initiative would help. Privatework had the brightest growth prospects, fuelled partly by lottery funded projects, though industrial work was vulnerable to a sharper slowdown in European export markets.

# Asda Property higher

AGAINST a background of generally falling property values, Asda Property Holdings, the investment company, achieved a modest 1 per cent increase in net asset value to 130p a share in 1995. Profits rose to a record £8.9 million before tax last year from £8.3 million, with net rental income advancing to £14.28 million from £12.8 million. Earnings were 6.5p a share, compared with 6.7p. although there was a 9 per cent rise in underlying earnings. The total dividend is 8 per cent higher at 2.6p a share, with a final 1.8p. The shares fell 3p to 139p.

# TLS drives ahead

TLS, the supplier of rental vehicles which has 17 branches nationwide, saw profits rise sharply to £4.1 million before tax last year from £1.71 million in 1994. Earnings were 7.9p a share, compared with 3.6p. The total dividend rises to 2.7p a share from 1.5p, with a final 1.85p due on May 24.: The company also said a conservative accounting policy on vehicle rebates resulted in a carry forward of deferred income into 1996 and 1997 of £4.8 million, compared with £2.6 million into 1995.

# Sherwood rises to £17m

SHERWOOD GROUP, the garment and lace manufacturer, increased profits to £17.2 million before tax from. £15.1 million in 1995, despite a 15 per cent decline in the contribution from the garment division as a result of weak consumer demand and the extended summer. Earnings rose to 8.9p a share from 7.9p. The total dividend is increased 12.5 per cent to 3.6p a share, with a final 2.3p, due on May 22. The company said sales outside Europe grew by 24 per cent.

# **Sunshine lifts Nichols**

HOT summer weather helped J M Nichols, the producer of Vimto soft drink, to raise full-year profits by 6 per cent to £9.6. million. The company said the outlook for 1996 was encouraging although it gave warning that there would be continuing pressure on margins in its soft drinks businesses. Overall turnover increased by 15 per cent to £65.4 million. The company's share price closed unchanged at 215p. The total dividend was increased by 7.8 per cent to 6.63p. A final dividend of 4.3p is payable on May 20.

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# A brief encounter with principles

Peter Holgate believes the ASB

needs to highlight genuine

and fundamental guidelines

TO BASE the development of accounting standards on a set of underlying principles seems an eminently sensible idea. At the end of the 1980s, it was widely agreed that the new standard-setter (the Accounting Standards Board, which came into being in 1990) should base its work on coherent principles, and thereby avoid the ad hoc, firefighting approach for which its predecessor had been criocised.

Through such small steps is the world improved - or so it seemed unril recently. In late 1995 the ASB published for comment a draft of the entire Statement. The public furore that followed has unfortunately obscured some of the key issues, and the time is right to turn to those.

Despile some major concerns about the content of the Statement of principles in its current draft, we certainly back the ASB in developing one. There are a number of reasons for this. Firstly, a Statement of principles seems to be one of the best ways to foster international harmonisarion: if the underlying principles are the same or similar. then there is good chance that the detailed rules and their application in practice should be likewise. Secondly, the existence of clear principles should mean that it is not necessary to be too prescriptive in individual standards.

But there are some concerns. The most basic question is: what are principles? In other words, what sort of content, and how much content, would we expect to find? Our observations in this regard are threefold.

First, at 132 pages, the Statement is too long. The Ten Commandments take less than a page, the Cadbury Code takes two pages and the Audiing Practices Board's recent 'Auditors' Code" takes three. Closer to home, an early accounting standard (SSAP 2) sets out the four fundamental concepts (going concern, ac-cruals, consistency and prudence) in less than one page. The Companies Act sets out the requirement for accounts to give a true and fair view in the same space. This is not to

argue that the Stalement of principles should be less than two pages long; business life has moved on and there is a good case for more guidance. It is rather a case of finding a happy medium between two pages and 132. Our second concern is about

the type of content. Yes, there has been concern about whether certain proposed principles are the right ones. People have criticised the balance sheet approach, the em-

roared in pain as Smith's

system of marking each com-

pany down with a blob for

every dubious accounting poli-

cy they used hit home. Last

weekend he put the finishing

touches to the manuscript of

an updated edition of the

book, due for publication in

June. Company chairmen and

their finance directors should

book their holidays now.



phasis on current value inforwhile genuine principles merit a proper debate, that does not mation and the so-called "recognition criteria" which could lead to more assets and liabil-

ities on balance sheet. Some of these proposed principles are radical and it is right that they are given a full

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

debate at this stage. That debate is longer than this column and is currently taking place in comprehensive submission to the ASB. But

Laptop espionage

NOW it can be revealed. The

partners who get ahead at

Price Waterhouse can read up-

side down. A note on security

in the latest issue of PW's staff

newspaper warms everyone to

be careful with business

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mean the ASB is right in including in the draft some other ideas that are put forward as principles but are in reality the ASB's planned reforms for specific subjects. Proposals on accounting for goodwill, the use of equity accounting and proportional consolidations, and the relative roles of the profit and loss

on a train", it reported.

**Biting words** 

IT was clear where the sympa-

thies of John Roques, the

Deloine & Touche senior part-

account and the total gains statement fall into this category.

By CARL MORTISHED

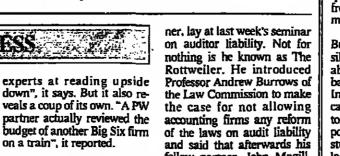
They are implementation issues, not principles, and indeed some of them appeared last week in their rightful place - a financial reporting exposure draft, Fred II.

The third concern is where some of the fundamental concepts have gone. The Statement supports the idea of consistency but gives insufficient emphasis to the fundamental concepts of prudence, going concern and accruals. which, in our view should continue to be recognised as generally accepted principles of good accounting.

Even the concept of financial statements needing to give a "true and fair view" appears to be incidental to the Statement. This is so even though it is the overriding legal requirement relating to accounts and a considerable exprot. In our view it should remain at the core of UK accounting.

To summarise: principles are well worth developing and setting out publicly. The ASB should do so. But it should concentrate on genuine principles, select the most fundamental and set them out as briefly as possible.

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fellow partner, John Magill, would make some concluding comments. "Hopefully they will be derisory", he said.

ROBERT BRUCE

# Fairness issue must be on the agenda

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THE English ICA issued an excellent summation of the arguments over professional liability last week. It called the discussion paper Finding a Fair Solution. And that would appear to be the real problem at the heart of all the arguments over finding a way of dealing with litigation, blame and liability among auditors. When you talk to the lawyers involved in what seems facetiously to be known as "reform" of the issue, you find that fairness is the last thing on the agenda. Indeed, the lawyers concerned would prefer it not to be on the agenda at all.

The issue for the profession is a simple one. If a company goes bust through fraud or the incompetence of its directors, everyone involved is, under the present law, jointly and severally liable. But shareholders and their lawyers know that there is no point in suing the directors for having left the company a shambles. There would not

be enough small change left in the directors' pockets to provide restitution. So the auditors, as the only ones who legally have to be insured, are the only deep pockets into which the shareholders and their lawyers can dip. The problem then is blame. Sometimes the auditors are to blame as well as the directors, sometimes not. The only constant is that the auditors get sued for the lot each time. This is what is unfair. A system of propor-tionate liability, where blame and liability are apportioned. would seem a fair reform. Had the authors of the discussion paper been at a

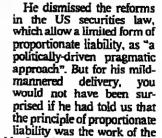
seminar on the topic organised by Deloine & Touche the night before publication they would have realised quite how distant the concept of fairness is from the hearts and, more importantly, the minds, of the lawyers involved.

The main event was an address by Andrew Burrows, of the Law Commission, on his feasibility investigation of joint and several liability. This is the report that has deeply embarrassed the Department of Trade and Industry. Professor Burrows and his team came to the conclusion that there was no case to consider and, as there was therefore no point in making a full report, the feasibility study should be published. This the DTI did last month. It was then horrified at the outraged reaction. A damage-limitation exercise ensued. The DTI distanced itself from the report, emphasised that it was for consultation only, and that it certainly did not neces-

sarily agree with the report's conclusions. This last action is not a difficult one. Anyone with any knowledge of business life can see that the report's conclusions are at best theory and at worst nonsense. What has been difficult to understand is how such conclu-. sions could have been reached. In every sophisticated business nation, the legal profession is moving towards some sort of proportionate liability. Australia and the US already have.

But anyone present at the seminar now. knows the answer to why the Burrows report came to its strange conclusion. Professor Burrows provided the key. And he hammered it home over and over. He is oot prepared to allow the concept of justice to get in the way of a legal principle. "The Law Commission is entirely composed of lawyers", he said. "We see the world through the eyes of the lawyers.

We are not in the business of poliocally driven, pragmade reform. If there is to be a soluton, it must be politically driven and pragmaoc." And as a lawyer he would wash his hands of anything so incorrect. Only the people he referred to as "policy-mak-ers" could provide such an unprincipled thing as a solution.



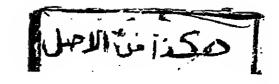
devil. He said that he was "extremely disappointed that proportionate liability is put across as so obvious a reform with only the lawyers standing obstinately in the way".

To their credit, many members of the audience, which was composed mostly of lawyers, said later they were deeply embarrassed by the evening. But at least everything is now clear. The commission was driven simply by the textbooks. Any idea that the concept of justice might influence its decisions was deemed to be dangerously pragmatic.

Everyone involved in the debate should empy their minds of anything the commission said. The DTI, to its credit, sees the report as only a starting point in the debate. Everyone involved should now take the idea of finding a. fair solution as their guiding principle. It is certainly a fairer principle than anything the legal academics could come up with.

Not a good holiday read

IT is time for the captains of industry to tremble in their boots again. Terry Smith, the analyst who shattered the peace in 1992 by pubishing a devasting critique of creative accounting, is at it again. In 1992 his book Accounting fur Growth, subtitled "stripping the camouflage from company accounts", caused a sensation in the City. Many a chairman



**BSE** 'will

not affect'

Grampian

BY ERIC REGULY

GRAMPIAN HOLDINGS.

the Scottish veterinary services,

transport and sporting goods group said the likely slaughter

of millions of cattle due to the

BSE scare will not affect its

operations because most of its vaccines are for sheep.

The company wants to ex-pand its cattle vaccine busi-

ness and is launching a new bovine vaccine called BVD.

But bovine products are likely

to be only a small proportion

The company reported a pre-tax profit of £10.5 million

in the year to December 31. up

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period, on lurnover of El47 million, up 6.4 per cent. Earnings per share were 10.43p (8.73p). A final dividend of

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### THE TIMES THURSDAY MARCH 28 1996

### **Federal** Reserve 'spending too much' FROM RICHARO THOMSON IN NEW YORK

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THE Federal Reserve Board has been severely criticised by the General Accounting Office, which checks on the efficiency of public bodies in America. for excessive spending, nour management and unneccessary secrecy. The GAU also recommended nverhauling the Fed's structure by merging the 12 regiunal Federal Re-serve banks and their hranches.

The GOA report, the result of a two year investigation, says the central bank's control of its nwn spending is inadequate. Between 1988 and 1994 its uperating expenses rose 50 per cent to \$2 hillion, twice the rate of inflation and more than three times the average overall increase in federal government spending. While staff numbers have risen only 4 per cent to 25,745, compensation custs have soared by more than 50 per cent. The news of the central

hank's profligacy has caused annoyance among politi-cians nn Capitol Hill who have become used to lectures from Alan Greenspan, the Fed Chairman, on the necessity of cuning government spending. The GAO also said that

a \$3,7 billion contingency fund, nearly half of it built up since Mr Greenspan became Chairman in 1988. was held by the Fed without justification. The central bank normally returns between \$16-\$24 billion to the US Treasury each year as a result of profits oo its own operations. The report is a serious embarrassment for the Fed which jealously guards its independence from en-croachments by

politicians. Although the GAO did not set out to criticise the way the central bank carried out its main functions of setting monetary policy and regulating the banking sector, it accused it of

being uneccessarily secre-live and unaccountable in share, the way in operated.



Motoring on: David McGibbon, financial director, left, and Bill Hughes, chairman and chief executive of Grampian Holdings yesterday

# Higgs and Hill suffers as housing sector stays flat

#### By MARTIN BARROW

HIGGS and HILL, the UK said it had managed to break construction company, yester-day warned shareholders that its markets remain stubbornly flat. The first half of the current year was likely to be difficult, although an anticiin 1994. pated improvement in housing and property markets, together with a reorganisation of the company's construction activities, would enable progress to be made in the

Hospital provision was in line with a statement to shareholders made in December, restructuring charges have increased, reflecting a more substantional reorganisation of construction activities. George Duncan, chairman,

said: "Extraordinarily difficult trading conditions have prevailed in the construction market, in particular in the South East, for an unprecedented period. Against this back-

nary shareholders. The reduc-tion in its capital base would have cut the bill by £1.5

million, However, Mr Leigh

reiterated the company's in-

tention to increase its dividend

at a faster rate than the growth

of its earnings until dividend

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**Iceland buys back shares** 

### By SARAH BAGNALL

shares at 156p. The shares closed yesterday at 155p. the same as the day before. ICELAND, the frozen food retailer, yesterday spent E42 mil-lion buying back its own shares. Bernard Leigh, finance Mr Leigh said: "Given the low levels of interest rates, il is director, said the move would boost the retailer's earnings per cheaper for us to borrow money rather than service the share base."

The group reduced its ordi-Last year, Iceland paid £15 nary capital base by almost 10

ground and the outlook for the market, the board has decided to restructure fundamentally its activities in this area." The two principal operations in the South East have been combined, overheads reduced and one office building is in the process of being sold, Construction activities in-

curred losses of ELI4 million last year before provisions and reorganisation costs of £7.13 million, leaving a total loss of £8.3 million.

However, property con-tributed E2.3 million (nil) and housing, which broke even in 1994, earned ES85,000. The housing divi-sion sold 405 homes, compared with 316 previously, at a slightly higher average price of £87,000, reflecting a

changed product mix. Higgs and Hill is maintain-ing the total dividend at 2.5p for the year, with a final payment of 1.5p due June 5. Losses were 11.9p a share,

4.3p is 10 be paid, making the total payout 6.1p (5.75p). Grampian said that its transport and sporting goods divisions reported stronger results, though profits on its veterinary side declined by 6.1 per cent to £4.5 million. Lower sheep populations in Austracompared with earnings of 1.6p. The shares fell 2p to 88p. lia and New Zealand were

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# **Croda falls after** shift in emphasis

A SHIFT out of cosmetics and toiletries cost Croda International £14.1 million and helped to cut pre-tax profits from £42.8 million to £25.3 million. Croda is now concentrating on speciality chemicals in which it spent £35.7 million on new plant and lifted sales by 11 per cent in the year to the end of December. It pulled out of cosmetics almost entirely last year, incurring the E14.1 million loss with a string of disposals.

The company, which saw a slowdown in the second half of the year, said that trading looked likely to improve this year, although it thought most of the growth would come uutside Eurupe. The final dividend, payable July 1, was set at o.lp. It makes a total for the year of 9.35p, up from 8.9p the previous year. Over the past three years, Croda has spent £90 million nn new plant. Michael Valentine, the chairman, said: "We are exceptionally fortunate in being able to foresee expanding markets for many of our chemical products so that laying down new plant is based on confidence rather than speculation." Croda exports of per cent uf its UK-manufactured products after a growth in sales to overseas markets of 77 per cent in four years.

### TransTec in the black

TRANSTEC, the automotive products and controls company, returned to profit in 1995, earning Eo.7 million before tax. In the previous year, the company incurred losses of £12.3 million after exceptional restructuring costs. A final dividend of 2p a share lifts the total to 2.2p from A final dividend of 2p a share firs the total to 2.2p from 1.5p, payable from earnings of 5p a share (losses of 11.4p). The shares rose 7p to 98p. Capital expenditure in 1995 was E11.2 million, including £7.3 million relating to a new foundry and machining facility in Northern Ireland.

### Aer Lingus soars

AER LINGUS, the Irish national flag carrier, said yesterday it could only fulfill its potential by engaging in profinable alliances, partnerships and joint venture arrangements with other international carriers. Gary McGann, the company's chief executive, was cautiously optimistic about the outlook for the group. The airline made an overall operating profit of Ir53.2 million in 1995, against Ir53.1 million in 1994, and reported a net profit of Ir515.1 million, after a loss of Ir5123.6 million a year earlier.

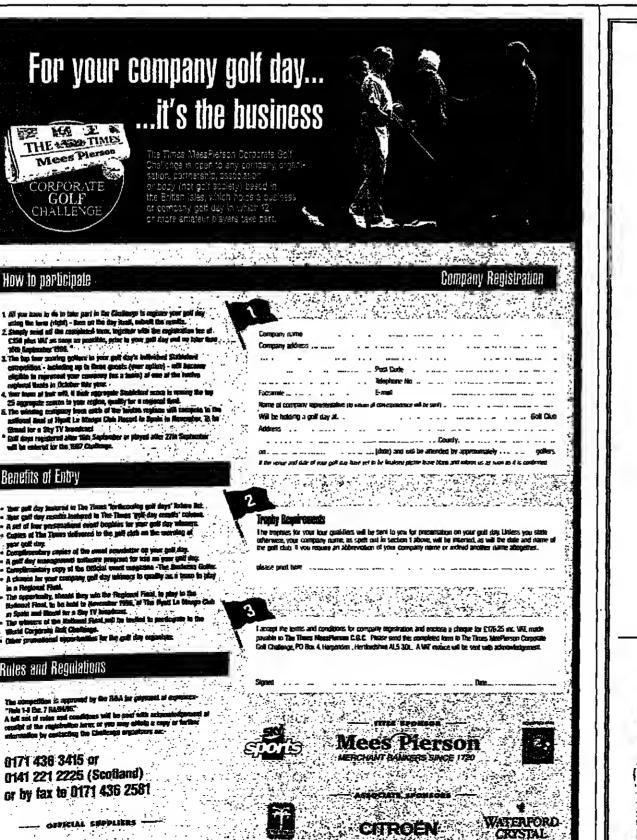
### **Rutland Trust advances**

RUTLAND TRUST, the port services and corporate finance company that acquired Thamesport, the deep water container port, for £52.5 million last year, lifted 1995 pre-tax profits to El2.63 million from £9.3 million in the year. The rise includes a £2 million profit on the sale of Leasecontracts. the hire business, to General Electric Capital Corporation for £27.9 million. Adjusted earnings increased to 2.75p a share from 2.3p. The total dividend rises to 1.2p a share from 1p. with a final 0.87p due on May 24. The shares stayed at 46p.

# **Frederick Cooper falls**

PROFITS at Frederick Cooper, the specialist coatings. architectural hardware and electrical products group, fell to E1.74 million before tax in the six months to January 31 from £3.4 million. However, the interim dividend rises to 0.85p a share from 0.8p, payable on July 1, from earnings that fell to 2.3p a share from 5.1p. The shares were unchanged at 45p yesterday. Ed Kirk, chairman, said markel conditions would remain tough in the short lerm but raw material prices had stabilised and overhead costs were tightly controlled.

even in 1995 before provisions, earning profits of just £72,000 before tax despite a 22 per cent rise in turnover to £352 million, Profits were £1.3 million Higgs and Hill was obliged to make exceptional provisions of £3.5 million against a contract with Guy's Hospital in London. There were also reorganisation costs of £4.2 second half. The company million. Although the Guy's



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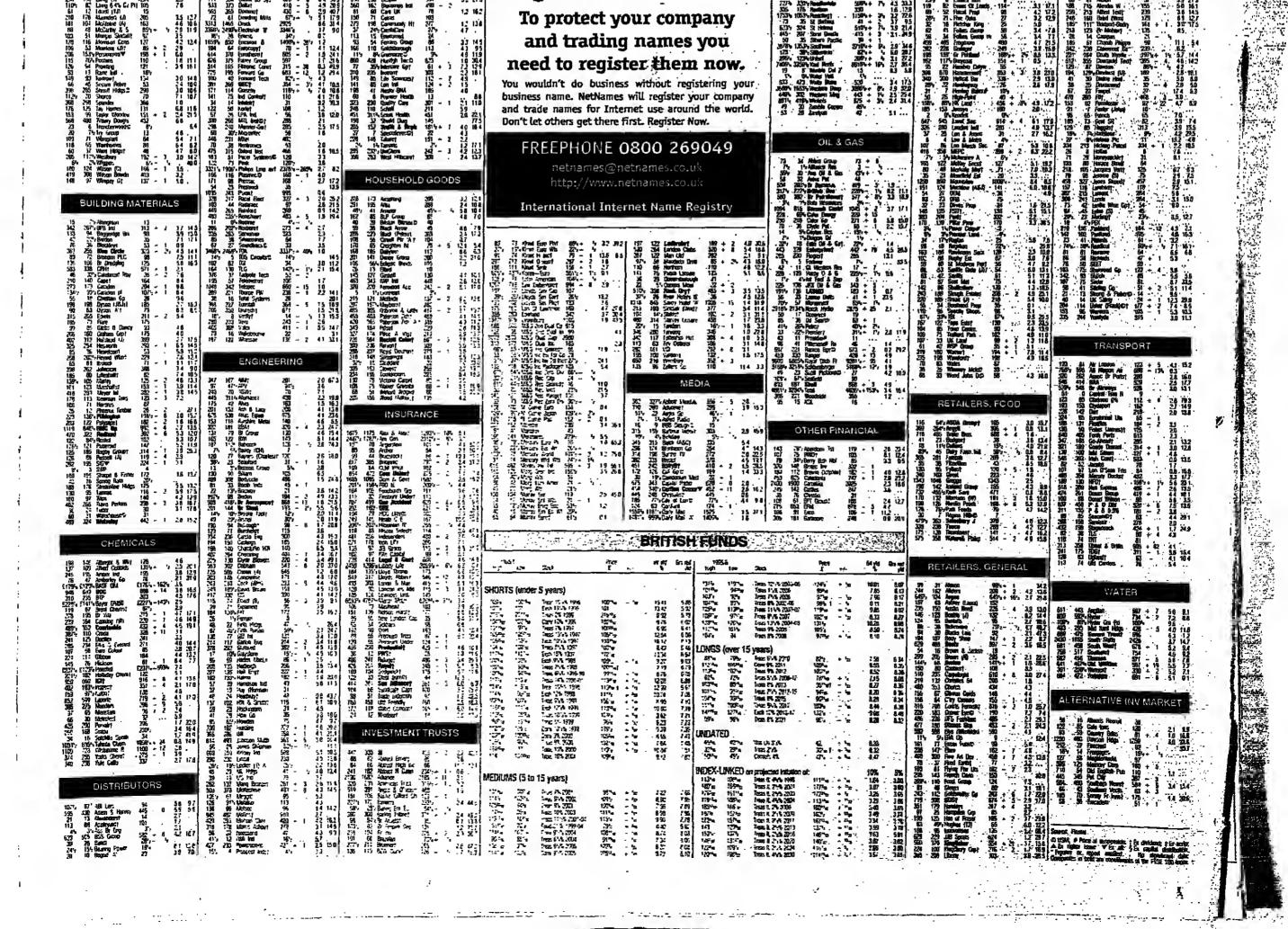
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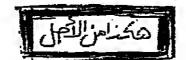


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# Write yourself onto the silver screen

ust because Emma Thompson brought home an Oscar this week for her screenplay of Sense and Sensibility, Britain has not turned into a seedbed of screenwriters.

When The Times launched its Screenwriting Competition last year, the four judges uncovered more talent than they might have expected, and perhaps less than they hoped. As David Aukin head of drama for Channel 4 and the man who commissions Film on Four - says: The competition proved it is a lot harder than most people imagine."

Norma Heyman. the independent producer of Dangerous Liai-sons who has just finished work on Christopher Hampton's script of The Secret Agent, says that time and again, she "read an idea, got very excited, and was then disappointed by the specimen scene". Her advice to hopefuls is "learn to pare down. The camera can speak." Even last year's winner, Richard

Rees - just back from a week in Hollywood, telling agents and stu-dios about his script of The Mercenary's Tale, an English Civil War drama - has learnt that finishing a screenplay is the first step in a punishing process of rewrites and collaboration: "A lot of what screenwriting seems to be about is not saying things, rather than saying things," says Rees, who struck lucky with his first stab at screenwriting. "It's about cutting things out. Saying things through action rather than words."

As Aukin points out: "Scenes can be anything, not necessarily dialogue. This is the movies." This is also why entrants are being asked this year to provide three consecu-

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To offer some guidance to novices entering this year's competi-tion, the judges have picked two examples of screenwriting that they feel highlight what good writing should do, one from Richard Curtis's Four Weddings and a Funeral, the other from Dead Man Walking. which goes on general release in Britain tomorrow.

What is it about this extract from Four Weddings between Charles (Hugh Grant) and Tom (James Fleet) that makes it stand out as a piece of screenwriting?

For David Aukin, whose receot productions include Trainspotting, the scene "marks the emotional turning point in the story. The group of friends have been made aware of their own mortality and Charlie realises it's time for him to try to make a commitment."

Heyman praises the scene for "writing of the finest order. It manages to be both profound and accessible ... economical, yet very

Of the excerpt from Dead Man Walking, Shivas says: "Susan Sarandon's mother has just ques-tioned her motives in helping a killer [Sean Penn]. This is a scene where Sarandon [Helen] tries to find out something about Matt [Penn] and his family, but Matt quickly turns the tables and questions her, puts her on the defensive and we find out a lot about them

cent of screenplays. The last of the four judges, Mark Shivas - head of films at the BBC Mel Brooks once declared that who is in post-production with a "anybody can direct; there are only film of Roddy Doyle's The Van. directed by Stephen Frears confesses that he starts wilting the



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Yes. That would be grand. They begin to stride.		My Daddy took me to a bar when I was twelve and told me to pick my whiskey, so, there was all these bottles behind the bar, and I pointed up there and I	Don't you miss havin'a man? Don't you want to get married, fall in love, have sex?	become a Hollywood	1
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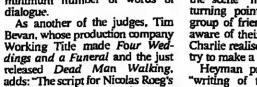
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Walkabout was apparently just 18 Bevan sees writing as the one weak spot in the British film industry, which is brimming with effective and clever." talented actors and technicians. He says there are a lot of good scriptwriters in Britain, but they are in television. Bevan reckons that if you have a story that catches

both in a very economical way."

Il good writers". Well, this is your chance to prove you are the twelfth. JOE JOSEPH

- MAKLES Jilly? TOM Labrador. CHARLES Ah. It's odd, isn't it — all that time we were single and carefree, we never noticed our two best friends were to all extents and purposes married. TOM You're right. Traitors in our midst. CHARLES smiles. TOM (contd) In a way I think death is hardest for the parents, don't you? I hope I die before my children. CHARLES Tom - one thing I find really . . . (Can't find the word) is your total confidence you will get married. What if you never find the right girl? TOM Sorry? CHARLES I mean surely if that service shows anything it shows there is such a thing as a perfect match. And if we can't find that perfect match, or can't tie them down - if we can't be like Gareth and Matthew. surely we should let it be? Some of us just aren't

going to get married. TOM Well, I don't know, Charlie, truth is - unlike you. I've never expected the thunderbolt - always hoped I'd just meet some nice, friendly girl, like the look of her, hope the look of me doesn't make her physically sick - then pop the question and settle down and be happy.

CHARLES takes this in. TOM (contd) It worked for my parents ... well, apart from the

divorce and all that. CHARLES Dear Tom, you're very wise. Maybe all this one true love stuff gets you nowhere. And, as they walk on ....

I shall miss Gareth most awfully. ... an alarm clock rings.

MATT: (OFF) The guys in the bar laughed their butts off. We got drunk as a couple of coots that night. SCENE 70 - MS - MATT LOOKS RFG THROUGH THE LOOKS LFG. MESH SCREEN AT HELEN, CAMERA MOVING IN. MATT: My Daddy was a good man. Sharecropper, hard worker. That's the one thing I got from him: working hands. SCENE 71 - MS - HELEN LOOKS LFG THROUGH THE SCENE 80 - MCS - MATT LOOKS RFG AT OS. HELEN MESH SCREEN AT MATT. HELEN: How old were you when he died? MATT: Fourteen. HELEN: Hmm. SCENE 72 – MCS – THROUGH MESH SCREEN – MATT EXHALES CIGARETTE SMOKE AND LOOKS RFG AT OS. HELEN MATT: (exhales) Why's you a nun? SCENE 73 - MS - HELEN LOOKS LFG THROUGH THE MESH SCREEN AT MATT, CAMERA MOVING IN. HELEN: good to me. I was drawn to it, I guess. I mean, that's a hard question to answer. It's like asking you why you're a con....

SCENE 74 - MCS - THROUGH MESH SCREEN - MATT LOOKS RFG. HELEN: (OFF)

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Bad luck.

HELEN: (OFF) Good luck, then.

SCENE 75 -- MCS -- THROUGH MESH SCREEN -- HELEN LOOKS LFG. HELEN:

I had a loving family, a lot of support. I guess I felt obliged to give some of it back.



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MATT: What, you don't want to talk about it?

SCENE 79 - MCS - THROUGH MESH SCREEN - HELEN

HELEN:

Well, I have close friends, men and women. I've never experienced sexual intimacy, but there's other ways of being close. Sharing your dreams, your thoughts, your feelings.

HELEN: (OFF)

That's bein' intimate, too. MATT:

We got intimacy right now, don't we, Sister?

SCENE 81 - MCS - HELEN LOOKS LFG AT OS. MATT HELEN:

I went to see your mother. She said she'd appear at the pardon ....

SCENE 82 - MCS - MATT LOOKS RFG. HELEN: (OFF)

... board hearing if you want her to. MATT: I like being alone with you. You're looking real

SCENE 83 - MCS - HELEN LOOKS LFG.

HELEN: Look at you. Death is breathing down your neck and you're playing your little Matt-on-the-make games.

SCENE 84 - MCS - MATT LOOKS RFG. HELEN: (OFF)

I'm not here for your amusement, Matthew. Show some respect. MATT: Why should I respect you? 'Cause you're a nun?

'Cause you wear a little cross around your neck? SCENE 85 - CS - HELEN LOOKS LFG AT OS. MATT HELEN:

Because I'm a person. Every person deserves respect.

SCENE 86 - CS - MATT LOOKS RFG AT OS. HELEN CAMERA TILITING DOWN AS HE TAKES A DRAG FROM HIS CIGARETTE

SCENÉ 87 - CS - HELEN LOOKS LFG

HELEN: What's the answer, what's it gonna be with your Mama?

LUCILLE: (VO) Mattie had a hard life, but he was a good boy.

SCENE 88 - INT. PARDON BOARD HEARING ROOM DAY - MS - LUCILLE SITS AT THE DEFENDANTS TABLE AN ATTORNEY SITS L OF HER. MATT SITS R OF HER. HILTON SITS R OF MATT AND LOOKS LFG AT LUCILLE. HELEN AND COLLEEN ARE BG.

LUCILLE: (crying) When he was six, he ... LUCILLE DROPS HER HEAD TO THE TABLE SOBBING. LUCILLE: (Sobs)

SCENE 89 - FS - PAST THE FG PARDON REVIEW BOARD, ACROSS THE ROOM TO THE DEFENDANTS TABLE. LUCILLE IS HELPED UP BY ONE OF THE ATTORNEYS AND HELEN. HILTON GRABS THE MICRO-PHONE AND PLACES IT IN FRONT OF HIM AS HELEN WALKS LUCILLE R.

LUCILLE: (Cries) SCENE 90 - FS - HELEN WALKS LUCILLE FG UP THE AISLE. THE PARDON REVIEW BOARD IS BG. HILTON:

Ladies and gentlemen, let's be honest. You're not gonna find many rich people on Death Row. Matthew Poncelet's here today because he's poor.

Competition which aims to find Britain's top filmwriting talent. This prestigious competition, now in its second year, offers a first prize of an all-expenses-paid trip to Hollywood with introductions to key executives at major studios for the winner to pitch his or her script. Accommodation will be at the famed Chateau Marmont hotel on Sunset Boulevard, the haunt of many screenwriters.

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In addition the winner, and four runners-up, will be offered workshops with the judges who will provide advice on developing the scripts.

This year's competition will be judged by David Aukin, head of drama at Channel 4 Television, Tim Bevan, managing director of Working Title Films, Norma Heyman, managing director of NFH Productions and Mark Shivas, head of films for BBC television.

Last year's winner was Richard Rees, a partner in a press agency from Chesterton, Cambridgeshire, whose filmscript set in the English Civil war beat more than 2,000 other budding scriptwriters. Mr Rees has returned from Hollywood with a list of influential contacts and now has one of the best agents in the business at ICM.

HOW TO ENTER

Collect four of the six screenwriting tokens which will be published over the next week (token one appears below) and send us your entry, which should be written in English, typed and double-spaced on A4 paper and presented in the following form:

a) a 100-word precis which sells your film script and includes the title

b) a treatment of not more than 750 words incorporating the story, characters, structure and genre, together with your name, address, and daytime telephone number at the top of the first sheet, and

c) three consecutive sample scenes submitted on a minimum of two A4 pages

Send your entry to: The Times Screenwriting Competition 1996, PO Box 510, Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire LU7 8QS. Closing date for entries is first post Thursday May 9, 1996.

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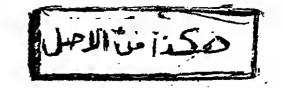
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**Director Tim** Robbins takes a giant stride forward in his powerful new Dead Man Walking



🖬 FILM 2 . while action maestro Renny Harlin takes a giant stride back in the cliched pirate flick Cutthroat Island



🖬 FILM 3 Steve Martin dares to duplicate the immortal Phil Silvers, in the vulgar Hollywood remake Sgt Bilko

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A wolf-dog as hero and plenty of snow. but the animated feature Balto doesn't add up to much

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# An eye for the irony, a tooth for the truth

CINEMA: Geoff Brown pays his respects to the honest, uncompromising, Oscar-winning Dead Man Walking

Dead Man

usan Sarandon and Scan Penn size up Deach other in a New Orleans prison. Sarandon, winner of this year's Best Actress Oscar, sits brimming with naive good intentions, trying to be a friend. Penn stares back with a cocky grin, a sculpted goatee, a ught little moustache and hair you don't want to mess with. He stands convicted of killing two teenagers in Lovers' Lane after raping the girl and stabbing her 17 times. His partner had a better lawyer and got life imprisonment, but Penn's Matthew Poncelet sits on death row. He is surly, hard-hearted, a racist who thinks Hitler went just a bit too far; not an attractive hero. But then Dead Man Walking is not interested in parcelling up characters and plot in the conventional Hollywood way. Inspired by Sister Helen Prejean's account of her deal-ings with Louisiana prisoners, Tim Robbins's powerful film faces up squarely to the conflicts and irony of capital punishment, which inflicts

cruel death on those convicted of inflicting the same. Does Poncelet have a soul to save? Sarandon's Sister Helen believes so. As part of her brief to minister to the New Orleans poor, she visits Poncelet in

Walking Warner West End 15, 122 mins Powerful death row drama **Cutthroat Island** Warner West End

PG, 125 mins Redundant and miscast pirate movie Sgt Bilko Empire, PG, 95 mins Unwelcome spin-off from the TV classic

Balto Plaza, U, 78 mins Ineffective cartoon set in Alaska

Dunston Checks In Odeon West End PG, 88 mins

Havoc with an orangutan in a five-star hotel Lawnmower Man

2: Beyond Cyberspace **Odeon West End** 12, 92 mins Moderate high-tech

fantasy

script makes visits to the eerie punch. As for Penn, none of his past performances murder scene, the grieving tty of

after his mischievous political satire Bob Roberts. He has taken a giant stride forward. Renny Harlin, the actionmovie maestro, takes a giant stride back with Cuthroat Island, an expensive and reckless movie that, inch for inch. probably contains more pirate cliches and gunpowder explosions than any other. It might make a slight dent on people too young to know what a good swashbuckler looks like, although even they may fret at the one-dimensional characlers and the dull repetition of chases, swordfights, and de-bris descending in slowmotion.

The star attraction is Geena Davis, the director's wife, giving a supposed feminist twist to the genre as Morgan Ad-ams, a feisty 17th-century lass who assumes control of her father's pirate ship in the Caribbean. Strapped into lowcut dresses, with long straggly hair and a cut across her left eyebrow, Davis literally thrusts herself forward as a tough-talking action heroine. But in doing so, her natural qualities and droll sense of comedy are quashed.

Her companion in misfor-tune is Matthew Modine, an educated thief who joins Morgan in hunting for buried treasure. Modine's nonchalance might suit modern dra-

mas, but in a period extravaganza like this a puff of Unfortunately it does not. At least Frank Langella relishes the villainous role of Morgan's uncle Dawg. Most of the time, cast and crew strain with effort. Making Cutthroat Island used up the resources of Malta, Thailand, Jim Henson's Creature Workshop, a model unit at Pinewood Studios, the London Symphony Orchestra, and \$70 million. The production company. Carolco, is now fighting for survival. Was it worth it? Television comedy afficiona dos rightly regard The Phil Silvers Show, produced by Nat

the eighth wonder of the world. Who would dare duplicate Silvers's creation of Ernest G. Bilko, the fast-talking Master Sergeant dedicated to fleecing every cent from his platoon? The answer, in Sgt Bilko, is Steve Martin, fast seen updating Silas Marner in A Simple Twist of Fate. His career choices grow increas-

ingly bizarre. Where Silvers's motor pool was stocked with veteran character actors, Martin's bunch are fresh-faced youngsters. to match the intended audience. Character names are the same, although Bilko's hench-man Henshaw has turned black and Barbella is female.

from another? And how do you make entertainment from the illness of children?

Despite using special tech-niques, director Simon Wells and his team never make the Arctic landscape easy on the eye: it's like staring at a row of white handkerchiefs. As for the children, apart from one grotesque scene of coughing tots lined up in their beds, the focus rests on the animals, dogs chiefly, that ferry anni-

toxins to town. Balto, half-dog, half-wolf, is an outcast, mocked for his mixed heritage, but the emergency boosts his self-esteem. As he finally tells the lown braggart, "Since when do you

he tells his charge, "I have two words to say to you: medical experiment."

The real star of the film is the hotel setting, and young-sters should have reasonable fun seeing luxurious trappings trashed, Adults can amuse themselves watching Jason Alexander Ifrom Seinfeld), and ungallantly pondering Faye Dunaway's age. Ken Kwapis, a TV hand, directed.

If phrases such as "virtual reality" and "global interface" bring a sparkle to your eyes. then Lawnmower Man 2: Beyond Cyberspace may be just the ticket. Stick-in-the-DEAD MAN WALKING muds who like movies to reflect concrete reality will

'Extremely provoking' LAWNMOWER MAN 2 Paul: Absolutely dire: this is plotless and ridiculous. The special effects are far from special.

James: This called itself "Beyond Cyberspace", but it was actually beyond help. Even the orang-utan of Dunston acled better than the cast of this. Thomas: This was pretty aw-

Every week young film fans discuss new releases ... ful. Clichés abounded, and it was corny and annoying like a

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Thomas Stevens, 18: Excel-

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Alexandra Williams, 22: Ex-

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Tim Robbins directs really

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cheap television feature. Alexandra: It only took me a Paul Maynard, 20: This is minute to realise that this was excellent; the best film I've horrendous. The effects were een since Schindler's List. nearly all ne it, but the subject Atmospheric, good cinemalogmaner just didn't appeal.



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separated by grilles, bars or Perspex. Sarandon is infinitely subtle in her emotional responses; her big brown eyes have rarely gazed with such penetration. She makes Sister Helen no plaster saint, but a fallible human being, tainted with arrogance. She does not hide behind make-up: nor does the prison hide behind gothic

shadows. Warm lighting cre-

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prison. Although Robbins's

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clinical execution chamber. work here. You might not wish the film's heart lies in these to meet Poncelet in an alley, meetings between two faces. but on a cinema screen this two different worlds, variously complex scoundrel, remorse buried deep beneath hate. is a

fascinating character. To some extent Poncelet is the film's own invention: Robbins (see interview below) took two real-life prisoners, one amiable, one not, and merged them. Although the fabrication chips away some of the film's status as a painful true story, it was a smart move dramatically to locus on one relacionship. This confident, finely chiselled work is only Robbins's second as director,

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fers some of Hiken's best lines, while Martin pillers the fam-ous Bilko yell. The film, directed by Jonathan Lynn, may not others. be as dire as expectations and Family entertainment perks the trailer suggested; but no one who has seen the originals will clutch this broad, vulgar

spin-off to their bosom. From Bilko to Balto: a bland animated film from Steven Spielberg's Amblin Entertainment. The story, based at some distance on truth, is set in Alaska during a diptheria epidemic in 1925. This lands the artists with two big problems. How do you Hiken for CBS in the 1950s, as separate one tract of snow

re io neip so one?" This is toe-curling stuff, indifferently voiced by Kevin Bacon, Bridget Fonda and

up slightly with Dueston Checks In. a breezy comedy about an orang-utan, two kids and Rupert Everett causing mayhem in a five-star hotel. Unlike Babe the pig, the orang-utan does not speak. but he blows raspberries nicely. Everett does a Terry-Thomas turn as the aristocratic poseur who uses the monkey to steal jewels: a nresome sight, although he gets the film's best line when

director Farhad Mann shoves enough action on the screen to raphy, and Sarandon certain stop people falling asleep. ly deserved her Oscar. James Danton, 18: The scenes

Matt Frewer assumes the title role of the scientist's guinea pig who wants to control the world from cyberspace, while Patrick Bergin. "the Einstein of virtual reality", tries to stop him. Nothing in the plot makes much sense: what matters is the video-game spectacle of human projectiles in simulated environments, hurtling one second, exploding the next. The film is silly and dishevelled, but there are worse hightech fantasies around.

DUNSTON CHECKS IN Paul: I wanted to hate this - I normally hate animal films ~ but I enjoyed it despite myself. A lot of fun.

James: This was very funny, but if it were any longer, it would have dragged. Thomas: Probably more ul a kids movie. I thought 1 wouldn't like it but it was fun. Not too cheesy either --- more a

souffle Alexandra: This was nothing new: good family entertainment, a good cast, the usual characters.



AT CINEMAS NATIONWIDE NOW

Why Tim Robbins spoke up for the inmates on death row THE VIED & ne balmy Louisiana morning 12 years ago, Sister Helen Prejean knocked on the door of a

couple awaiting justice after the brutal rape and murder of their 18-year-old daughter. The nun had been counselling the girl's murderer in prison, and had come to say she was sorry for ignoring the parents' inconsolable grief.

Sister Prejean was at first welcomed in. The bereaved parents blessed her for her courage in changing sides. When she said she had not changed sides, merely seen their point of view, she was thrown out on her ear. It was a moment of truth for one of America's leading opponents of the death penalty. It was also an intensely dramatic moment - one that played a large part in bringing her story to the screen and, last Monday, to the Oscars.

Her courage in knocking on that door really grabbed me," Tim Robbins, the writer and director of Dead Man Walking, said recently. "That was an extraordinary act. In adapting her book I was looking for the human angle; the story and the relationships. And just when you thought you knew where they were going, she does this incredibly brave thing." The death penalty is not Hollywood's favourite subject. Despite Robbins's clout as an infuriatingly talented polymath the wrote, directed and starred in the political satire Bob Roberts four years ago) no American studio wanted to touch something as bleak as the true story of the legal killing of a murderer. One studio chief did phone to ask if the prisoner's role couldn't be rewritten to make him innocent, but Robbins's agent reTim Robbins "There are no

rich people on death row" plied with apt concision that

there was no great debate on whether the state should be killing innocents. Eventually the money came from English backers -Polygram and Working Title

and Robbins made the film he and Sister Prejean wanted. It features a harrowing murder, parental anger of stunning vehemence, and a biner, racist, profoundly unlikeable death-row inmate. Box office returns have outstripped forecasts, but many Americans who have seen the fibn have emerged so moved by its portrayals of murder victims' families that they are unsure on which side of the death penalty fence Robbins stands. They need be in no doubt. "It's a poor person's punish-ment," he says. "There are no rich people on death row. It's as simple as that. If you are convicted of murder and don't have a good enough lawyer, you will wind up on death row. We've seen in the past few years what kind of justice money can buy. I can't get Miles (four) feel welcome. behind a system that punishes

the poor in a different way

than it ounishes the rich."

row are there for killing a white person but when nobodies get killed they don't push for the death penalty." He cites recent research suggesting that it costs twice as much to execute a man than to imprison him for life. For good measure, he congratulates Britain's Parliament on refusing to put the death penalty to a referendum. "You have leaders in your country," he declares. They know what it costs a society, financially and morally, to cross the line and allow killing in its own name." One of the few tense moments in Monday night's Oscar ceremony came as Susan Sarandon took the podium to accept her Best Actress award for playing Sister Prejean. It was not the prospect of tears that worried her audience, but of a political harangue. Sarandon and Robbins had effectively been barred from participating in Oscar night since an impromptu diatribe in 1992 on behalf of Hairian internees. mention the death penalty

In the event she did not even appealing instead simply for a non-violent way to end violence". Even in the backslage press pen she spoke mainly of the joys of motherhood: known for her efforts not to let work distance her from her family, she has no films planned until her partner Robbins finishes filming a comedy this autumn. For his part, table hockey and virtual basketball are installed in his production offices so that Eva (11). Jack Henry (seven) and

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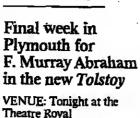
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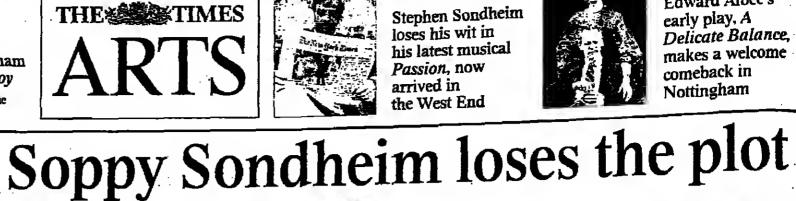


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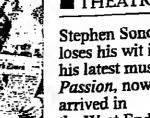


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Stephen Sondheim loses his wit in his latest musical Passion, now the West End



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MRSS JULIE: Polly Teale directs Susan Lynch and John Hannah in Strindberg's tale of erobic passion and doom. The much heraided Teale is soon to co-direct the National's *War and Peace.* Young Vic, The Cut, SE1 (0171-928 6363). Previews tonight and opens somorrow, 7.30pm. Until Apr 20 (5) MUSICAL POWERHOUSES: Some of London's finest musicians compete for audience attention tonight. The London Amphony Orchestra continues its Bruckner/Mozat senes with Daniela at the helm, while Manss Jansons conducts a programme of Rachman and Shostakovich with the London ale Gatti Prillemnonic. Both at 7.30pm. Barlakaan, Sik Street, EC2 (3) (0171-638 8891). LSO. Festival Hall, South Bank, SE1 (3) (0171-960 4242), LPO. Bank, SET (a) (017) BBO (222), LPC. BONDAGERS: Opening right for the last of the Dommar's Four Comers season Sue Glowar's acclaimed and richly atmospheric drame following so, woman of the 1280s al work, on Bardens tamos lan Brown's production for Edinburgh's Traverse. Dommar Warehouse, Eartham Street, Warehouse, Eartham Street, WC2 (017):369 (1723) Tonght, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 8pml, mats Apr 4, and Sat. Spm. Umi Apr 6.

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TODAY'S CHOICE

COVENTRY: Opening night for Steinbeck's mighty Of littlee and Men. Martin Harvey directs Peter Shorey and Micheel Gum as the why leminend end the simple giant, vainty searching for the American Dream in a Depression-bound land. A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

bound land. Belgrade, Belgrade Square (01203 553055). Tonight, 7.30pm. Then Mon-Thurs. 7.30pm; Fn shd Sat, 8pm; mat Apr 3, 2.30pm. Until Apr 13. (b) places, including Dave Bubeck's "one of the prostest jazz planists I have ever heard". Judge by yourself tonght. St George's, Brancion Hill & (0117-933 01359), Bpm. Then Sun, London. South Bark (0171-900 4242), Apr 3, Southampton, Concorde Cub (01705-613 989), Apr 4, Fernheim, Matings (01252-726 234).

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of the resumational child's epotheonis to pathoat wiscard. Loads of electronic inclis deguate the improbability Shaftwabury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (017)-379 5399) Man-Sa, Born; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm. THE VERGE: Isla Blar plays the obsessed horbculturalist, harassed by boosses rates in the second se Interesting discovery Orange Trats, Clarance Street, Richmond (0181-940 3633), Previews tranght and opens tomonow, 7 45pm

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### Passion Queen's Tould you believe

it if one of the celebrities currently being pursued by an obsessive man were to fall deeply in love with her stalker? Or if Michael Douglas had lifted Glenn Close from the bath at the end of Fatal Attraction, gently removed her knife and given her a big, doting kiss? If the answer to either question is no, you are likely to share my difficulties with Stephen Sondheim's latest musical, which is a fascinatingly odd piece to find coming from the pen that gave us Company and A Little Night Music.

As their current London revivals emphasise, both those shows are shrewd, suspicious and pretty cynical where love is concerned. But the film on which Passion is based. Sola's Passione d'Amore, has done something peculiar to the great sceptic's wits. For in its dark, brooding way, it is sentimental and pretty silly. Sondheim ends by affirming that, in his words, "the force of someone's feeling for you can crack you right open" when he has spent most of the evening proving exactly the opposite. Michael Ball's Giorgio is an

army captain. separated from Helen Hobson's Clara, the mistress he adores, by a posting to the Italian sticks. No sooner has he sat down in the mess than there is an animal scream from the stairs, and down them creeps a yellowish, squinting figure, in Maria Friedman's performance a chilling blend of Mrs Rochester and Mr Magoo. She is the colonel's cousin, Fosca, whom a sad marriage has evidently afflicted with one of those nameless 19th-century

FOR years I have waited for the chance to see again this early Edward Albee that "love within reason isn't love" and that it "can be sudden surrender, not tender. not slow". He is now enraptured with Fosca. He has been wooed by force and asks us to believe he loves by choice.

ly rather anodyne Clara. Nor is that all. He renounces his very sensible objection to her passion, which is that "love's not a constant demand. it's tender and slow and must grow", and concludes, with Sondheim's obvious approval. problem, as does Ball's good-

natured but bland performance as the fly. In the end, Sondheim's only credible defence is the old one: you can get away with an awful lot of permicious nonsense if you set it to music and let the music

diously swoop and enjoyably its angry, troubled, minor-key moments, it is one of the most upbeat he has composed. And

spend too much time moaning about the Italian outback against a background of drapes and towering panes smeared with congealed paint, James Lapine's book undeniably grips. Yet what next - a musical version of Stephen King's Misery in which the trapped novelist falls for his fanatical captor on the. grounds that she loves him

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### Eternal triangle: Helen Hobson as Clara, Maria Friedman as Fosca and Michael Ball as the hapless Giorgio ailments that allow her to faint at will, take regularly to ber deathbed and manipulate oth-

ers pretty unstoppably. Before long this pushy hypo-chondriac has browbeaten poor Giorgio into dumping the premity trilling if admitted-

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It might be easier to credit this transition if Fosca were more magnetic and desirable or if Giorgio's sexuality had a weird, masochistic side. But Friedman's very strength, her refusal to glamorise the laoy spider. only exacerbates the

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### Human Rights Law Report

#### **Goodwin v United Kingdom** (Case No 16/1994/463/544)

Before R. Ryssdal, President and Judges R. Bernhardt, Thor Vilhjälmsson, F. Matscher, B. Walsh, C. Russo, A. Spielmann, J. De Meyer, N. Valticos, E. Palm, F. Bigi, Sir John Freeland, A. B. Baka, D. Gotchev, B. Repik, P. Jambrek, P. Kuris and U. Löhmus Registrar H. Petzold

Deputy Registrar P. J. Mahoney Judgment March 27]

A court order requiring the applicant, a ournalist, to reveal his source of nformation and the fine imposed upon him for having refused to do so gave rise to a violation of his right to freedom of expression under article 10 of the European Convention on Human Rights, the European Court of Human Rights held by eleven votes to seven. Article 10 of the Convention provides:

"I Everyone has the right to freedom of expression. This right shall include freedom to hold opininns and to receive and impart information and ideas without interference by public authority and regardless of Irontiers. This article shall not prevent states from requiring the licensing of broadcasting, television or cinema enterprises. 2 The exercise of these freedoms

since it carries with it duties and responsibilities, may be subject to such formalities, conditions, restrictions or penalties as are prescribed by law and are necessary in a democratic society, in the interests of national security, territorial integrity or public salety, lor the prevention of disorder or crime, for the protection of health or morals, for the protection of health or morals, for the protection of the reputation or rights of others, for prevening the disclosure of information received in confidence, or

for maintaining the authurity and impartiality of the judiciary." Mr William Goodwin, a British national, was a journalist and lived in London. In August 1989 he joined the staff of The Engineer as a trainee journalist. On November that year, be was telephoned by an informant, who gave him unsolicited information about a company Tetra Ltd, to the effect that

raising a E5 million loan and had financial problems as a result of an expected loss of £2.1 million for 1989 on a turnover of £20.3 million.

On November 6 and 7. Mr Goodwin called Tetra to check the lacts and seek their comments on the information he had been given concerning the financial problems of the company. He subsequently prepared a draft article on the subject for publication in The Engineer. Being of the opinion that the information originated from a draft of its confidential corporate plan which had been missing since November 1, 1989, Tetra applied for and obtained from the High Court an ex parte interim injunc-tion to restrain Morgan-Grampian (Publishers) Ltd. publishers of The Engineer from publishing Mr Good-

win's article. All the national newspapers and relevant journals were informed of the injunction on November 16. Later, the company obtained an order from the High Court (Mr Justice Hoffmann) (The Times November 24, 1989) requiring the applicant to disclose his notes on the ground that it was necessary "in the interests of justice", within the meaning of section 10 of the Contempt of Court Act 1981, for the source's identity to be disclosed in order to enable the company to bring proceedings against the source to recover the missing document, obtain

an injunction preventing further publication or seek damages for the expenses to which they had been put.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Donaldson of Lymington, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Ralph Gibson and Lord Justice McCowan) (The Times December 13, 1989. [1991] I AC II dismissed an appea against the disclosure order but granted leave to appeal to the House of Lords. The House of Lords ILord Bridge of

Harwich, Lord Templeman, Lord Crif-fiths, Lord Oliver of Aylmerton and Lord Lowry) (The Times April 5, 1990: [1991] 1 AC 1, 34 (sub nom X Ltd v Morgan Grampian (Publishers) Ltd and Others)) dismissed the appeal. finding that the necessity for the disclosure of the applicant's notes had

been established. Throughout the proceedings the applicant had rejused to disclose his notes. On April 10, 1990 the High Court fined him E5.000 for contempt of court.

The application was lodged with the European Commission of Human Rights on September 27, 1990. It was declared admissible on September 7, 1993. Having anempted unsuccessfully to secure a friendly sentement the Commission drew up a report on March 1, 1994 in which it established the fact and expressed the opinion that there had been a violation of article 10 nf the Convention leleven soles to six). In its judgment, the European Court

of Human Rights held as follows: Alleged violation of article 10 The applicant complained under arti-

cle 10 about the disclosure order requiring him to reveal the identity of his source and the fine imposed upon him for having refused to do so. It was undisputed that those measures constituted an interference with his right to freedom of expression. A Was the interference "prescribed by

The impugned disclosure order and fine were "prescribed by law". Not only did the measures have a basis in national law but the law governing the imposition of the order was moreor foreseeable for the purposes of the requirement in article 10.2.

On the latter point, the Court recognised that in the area under consideration it might be difficult to frame laws with absolute precision and that some flexibility might even be desirable to enable the national courts to develop the law in the light of their assessme what measures were necessary in the interests of justice. The national courts discretion in

ordering disclosure was subjected to important limitations. The House of Lords' interpretation of the relevant law in the applicant's case did not go beyond what could be reasonably foreseen in the circumstances. Nor was there any other indication that the law in question

afforded the applicant inadequate protection against arbitrariness. B Did the interference pursue a centimate aim?

The interference pursued the legiti-mate aim of protecting Terra's "rights". It was not necessary to determine whether it was also directed towards the prevention of ... crime"...

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The Court recalled that freedom of ression constituted one of the essential foundations of a democratic society and that the safeguards to be afforded to the press were of particular importance: see, as a recent authority Jersild \* Denmark (The Times October 20, 1994; ieries A No 298, p23, 31).

The Court set out a number of general principles. Protection of journalistic sources was, it noted, one of the basic conditions for press freedom, as was reflected in the laws and the professional codes of conduct in a number of contracting states and was affirmed in several international instruments on inumatistic freedoms.

It cited as examples the Resolution on Journalistic Freedoms and Human Rights, adopted at the 4th European Ministerial Conference on Mass Media Policy (Prague, December 7-8, 1994) and the Resolution on the Confidentiality of Journalists' Sources by the European Parliament, January 18, 1994 (Official Journal of the European Communities No C 44/34).

Without such protection, sources could be deterred from assisting the press in informing the public on mat ot public interest. As a result the vital public watchdog role of the press could be undermined and the ability of the press to provide accurate and reliable information could be adversely affected. Having regard to the importance of

the protection of journalistic sources for press freedom in a democratic society and the potentially chilling effect an order of source disclosure had on the exercise of that freedom, such a measure could not be compatible with article 10 of

the Convention unless it was justified by an overriding requirement in the public interest. As a matter of general principle, the "necessity" for any restriction on freedom of expression had to be onvincingly established. See The Sun-day Times v United Kingdom (No 2) (The Times November 27, 1991; Series A No Z71, pp28-29, paragraph 50) for a statement of the major principles governing the "necessity" test. Admittedly, it was in the first place for

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the national authorities to assess whether there was a "pressing social need" for the restriction and, in making their assessment, they enjoyed a certain margin ot appreciation.

. In the present context, however, the national margin of appreciation was circomscribed by the interest of demo-cratic society in ensuring and maintain-

ing a free press. Similarly, that interest had to weigh heavily in the balance in determining, as had to be done under article 10.2. whether the restriction was propor-tionate to the legitimate aim pursued. In sum, limitations on the confidentially of journalistic sources called for the most

careful scrutiny by the Court. The Court's task, in exercising its supervisory function, was not to take the place of the national authorities but rather to review under article 10 the decisions they had taken, pursuant to

their power of appreciation. In so doing the Court had to look at the interference complained of in the light of the case as a whole and mine whether the reasons adduced by the national authorities to justify it were relevant and sufficient. (fi) Court's assessment in the particular circumstances

In the instant case, as appeared from Lord Bridge's speech in the House of Lords. Tetra were granted an order for source disclosure primarily on the ground of the threat of severe damage to their business, and consequently to the livelihood of their employees, which would arise from disclosure of the information in their corporate plan while their refinancing negotiations were still continuing.

That threat, "ticking beneath them like a time bomb", as Lord Donaldson had put it in the Court of Appeal, could had put it in the Court of Appeal, could only be defused, Lord Bridge had considered, if they could identify the source either as himself the thief of the stolen copy of the plan or as a means of identifying the thief and thus put the company in a position to institute proceedings for the recovery of the nissing document. The importance of protecting the

source. Lord Bridge had concluded, was much diminished by the source's complicity, at the very least, in a gross breach of confidentiality which was not counterbalanced by any legitimate in-lerest in publication of the information. The justifications for the disclosure rder in the present case had to be seen in the broader context of the ex parte interim injunction which had earier been granted to the company.

That injunction had been notified to all the national newspapers and rele-vant journals. The purpose of the disclosure order was to a very large extent the same as that already being achieved by the injunction, namely to prevent dissemination of the confiden-tial information contained in the plan. There was no doubt, according to Lord Donaldson in the Court of Appeal, that the injunction was effective in stopping dissemination of the confiden-tial information by the press.

Tetra's creditors, customers, suppliers and compensors would not therefore come to learn of the information through the press. A vital component of the threat of damage to the company had thus already largely been neutralised by the injunction.

neutralised by the infinition. That being so, in so far as the disclosure order merely served to re-inforce the injunction, the additional restriction on freedom of expression which it entailed was not supported by sufficient reasons for the purposes of article 10.2 of the Convention. As to the further purposes served by the disclosure order, the Court could not find that Tetra's interests in eliminating, by proceedings against the source, the residual threat of damage through:

Court order to journalist to disclose source violated Convention dissemination of the confidential information otherwise than by the press, in obtaining compensation and in unmasking a disloyal employee or milahorator were, even if considered cumulatively, sufficient to outweigh the vital public interest in the protection of the applicant journalist's source.

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The further purposes served by the disclosure order when measured against the standards imposed by the Convention could not amount to an overriding requirement in the public interest.

In sum, there was not, in the Court's view, a reasonable relationship of propurtionality between the legitimate aim pursued by the disclosure order and the means deployed to achieve that aim.

the means deployed to achieve that and. The order requiring the applicant to reveal his source and the fine imposed upon him for having refused to do so could not be regarded as having been "necessary in a democratic society" for the protection of Tetra's rights under English law notwithstanding the mar-gin of appreciation available to the national authorities.

Accordingly, the Court concluded, Judges Ryssdal, Bernhardt, Thor Vilhjärnsson, Matscher, Walsh, Sir John Freeland and Baka dissenting, that Joint Pression and Bala disserting that both the order requiring the applicant to reveal his source and the fine imposed upon him for having refused to do so gave rise to a violation of his right to freedom of expression under article 10. II Application of article 50

A Non-pecuniary damage

The Court considered that the finding of a violation constituted adequate satisfaction for the non-pecuniary damage suffered by the applicant (unanimously).

B Costs and expense

The Court found that the sum ac-cepted as reasonable by the UK Government was adequate in the circumstances and thus awarded the applicant E37,595.50 (VAT included) for legal costs and expenses, less the FFr9,300 already paid in legal aid by the Council of Europe in respect of legal fees (unanimously).

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### Only the summons can be inspected

Tim Kelsey, John Witherow and Times Newspapers Ltd from publishing, disclosing or using material that the first defendant had obtained from the court file in a High Court medical negligence action

The action had been initiated in the county court by summons and then transferred to the High Court. The first defendant, a freelance journalist, came across the action in the central office of the Royal Courts of Justice and was handed the summons and its amexed particulars of claim and a schedule of loss. As she ordinarily did in the course of her duties she made a

the central office, namely ... (a) the copy of any writ of summons or other originating process..." Mr Philip Havers, QC, for the Attorney-General; Mr. Andrew Caldecott, QC and Miss Caroline Addy for the defendants. MR JUSTICE GARLAND said

the office and offered a story based the process which commenced the action and that was the issue of the on her discoveries to The Sunday summons which would contain such information as had been

> If the particulars of claim were squeezed into the box on the summons there would be less in the public domain than if the action had been commenced by writ, but the particulars of claim enclosed or amered could not be regarded as constituting a one and indivisible originating process.

### **Court of Appeal**

### Police not immune from negligence suit Swinney and Another v Chief Constable of Northumbria Police

Before Lord Justice Hirst. Lord Juscice Peter Gibson and Lord Justice Ward Hudgment March 22[

Although the police as a matter of public policy were in general immune from actions for negligence in respect of their activities in the investigation and sucpression of crime, that immunity could be displaced by other consideradons of public policy for the protection of the public.

The Court of Appeal so held demissing the appeal of the defen-dant, the Chief Constable of Northumbria Police, against the decision of Mr Justice Laws on January 24, 1995, to allow the Kathleen Swinney and James John Swinney, against the order of District Judge Lancaster on July 19, 1994, In Newcastle upon Tyne District Registry striking out, pursuant to Order 18, rule 19 of the Rules of the Supreme Court, the plainoffs' action for damages for personal injuries and loss suffered by them as a result of the negligence of the defendant's officers on or about April 8, 1991, in failing to keep secure confidential information relating to a crime supplied to them by the first laindíí The Court of Appeal allowed an amendment to the plaintiff's state-ment of claim to include an allegation of breach of the duty of confidenciality by the officers. Mr Jeremy Compertz. QC and Mr Toby Wynn for the chief constable; Mr John Powell, QC and Mr Richard G. Craven for the olainniffs

uphold a relationship of proximity It was bound to fail. The claim in the present case went beyond any previous situation where such alleged that the plaintiffs, wile and husband, were tenants of a public house in Northumberland. The relationship had been held to first plaintiff received information exist. that could have helped to identify His Lordship said that Mt the driver of a vehicle which hit Powell was right to submit that, at

and killed a police officer on March 22 1991, in Hexham when least arguably, the case fell into the he tried to stop it. That information, given to one of the defendant's officers, was recorded in a document which included the plainoff's name. A particular risk. duty of care was owed in the storage and safe keeping of the information, given in confidence.

information stolen, with the repeated references to keep the first plaintiff's identity and information since the defendant's officers knew of the violent character of the person(s) allegedly involved in the nfidential That seemed to show that it was at least arguable that a special relationship did exist rendering The information was left in a police vehicle and stolen when the

circumstances of the case. Mr Gompertz cridcised the judge's approach; there was no conflict between the two arms of public policy identified by the judge. The Hill case and cases subsequent to it created a blanket imminity from liability on the police, and the only circumstance

Dorset Yacht category rather than the Hill category in respect of proximity, especially with the pleaded references to confidential-ity and the plaintiffs being at an inadvertent disclosure, as in the Those factors were compellingly brought out by the text itself of the present case.

His Lordship could not accept those submissions. The Hill case was of the greatest importance. and there was nothing in his judgment to undermine the principle there established. That principle could not be completely divorced from the circumstances ted in that case, and in the

had to be carried out on all the and Others Hudgment March 20]

where they might be liable was in a case where they deliberately broke the confidence. That did not cover

Attorney-General v Limbrick

Before Mr Justice Garland Particulars of claim and a schedule of loss annexed to a county court summons which had been transferred to the High Court were not part of the originating process and,

unlike the summons, they were not rendered public documents by Order 63, rule 4(1) of the Rules of the Supreme Court. Mr Justice Carland so held in the Queen's Bench Division when

refusing the application of the Attorney-General for an order restraining Sarah-Jane Limbrick.

**Street-trading shop** 

defendants.

Neil Fizgi

SIR LAIN GLIDEWELL agreed

similar activities outside

with the council's submission that

London were explicitly excluded

from the definition of street trading

by the Local Government (Mis

Parliament, by not specifically

excluding the activity in the 1990

Act, should be presumed to have

intended its inclusion.

ellaneous Provisions) Act 1982,

Order 63, rule 4 provides: "(1) Any person shall, on payment of the prescribed fee, be entitled during office hours to search for, inspect and take a copy of any of

the following documents filed in

that Mr Caldecott had pointed outnote, returned the documents to that a specially endorsed writ would movide as much informa-

inserted on its face,

**Queen's Bench Division** 

However, neither justice nor convenience required his Lordship to make an order pertaining to contempt. The fourth defendant did not intend to pass on the information to another newspaper and moritant form dibre and had refrained from either publishing it or making use of it. pending the outcome of the There would be artificiality in restraining the fourth defendant from using the particulars of claim as opposed to what was on the summons and there was no mis-chief in allowing them to disclose what would almost inevitably have been discussed the investigation been discovered by investig It was sufficient that the court had been able to define the limits of contempt in the circumstances of the case by making it clear that in a transferred county court action, only the summons was open to nspection under Order 63, rule 4. Solicitors: Treasury Solicitor

LORD JUSTICE HIRST said that if the case on the facts as pleaded in the statement of claim. which the court had to assume were true, was found to be arguable, it had to be allowed to unless the defendant stablished beyond neradventure

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was broken into in April the plaintiffs distin 1991. The information came into the hands of the alleged person(s). and as a result the plaintiffs we threatened with violence and an son, and suffered psychological damage. The plaintiffs were forced to give up the tenancy of the iness they had built up.

critte.

Part of the evidence before Mr Justice Laws was a copy of the stolen recorded information. It stated the first plaintilf's name, address, telephone number, and several times that her information was given in confidence and that it not to be leaked and care was to be taken when contacting her. The defendant's first main submission was that the claim failed to establish the necessary special relationship of proximity between the plaintiffs and the defendant's officers to give rise to a duty of care. Mr Justice Laws found that it

was established.

Yorkshire ([1989] AC 53. 01-02).

The defendant's second main submission was that, even if there was arguably a duty of care owed the defendant had an unarguable defence because of the police's general immunity based on public His Lordship, after referring to Hilf (at p63). Osman v Ferguson (1993) 4 All ER 344, 353-354) and

Elguzouli-Daf v Commissioner of Police of the Merrupolis ([1995] QB 335, 349-350), said that Lord Justice Stevn in the latter case introduced an important qualification: public policy might not apply if the Conwn Prosecution Service or police voluntarily assumed esponsibility. Mr Justice Laws, referring to the

His Lordship referred to the two main House of Lords authorities: Dorset Yacht Co Ltd y Home fact that the law had for a long time recognised the need to protect police informants so as not to Office (1970) AC 1004, 1070) and Hill v Chief Constable of West discourage them coming forward by fear of risk, said that the present Mr Compertz, relying on Alexandrou v Oxford (1993) 4 All ER 328, 338, submined that to was a case in which public policy; like Janus, pointed in two direc-tions, so that a balancing exercise

Osman and Elguzoufi-Daf cases. the general public as being The police did not have a blanket particularly at risk. Alexandrou was arguably distinguishable, esimmunity and other consid-erations of public policy, as found by the judge, had weight the pecially as there was no element of confidenciality in that case, which rotection of informants and their bomed so large in the present. encouragement to come forward ithout fear of risk of their identity becoming known to suspects or associates.

Public policy had to be assessed in the round. In the present case were the applicable considerations advanced in Hill, and on the other hand the considerations relating to the protection of informants. Sulfice it to say, if all aspects of public policy were considered in the round, it was at least arguable the general immunity did not apply. It was also arguable on the facts pleaded that the police did assume a responsibility to the plaintiffs, at least to the first plaintiff, on confidentiality: that brought into lay the exception identified in the Efguzouli-Dal case.

Lord Justice Peter Gibson and Lord Justice Ward delivered concurring judgments. Solicitors: Crutes, Newcastle upon Tyne: Hay & Kilner.

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ough Council v Rosenthal and Another Before Lord Justice Leggatt and Sir Iain Glideweil [Judgment March 25]

Wandsworth London Bor

The exposing of goods for sale on a pavement outside a shop for payment within the shop was street trading for the purposes of the London Local Authorities Act The Queen's Bench Divisional

His Lordship said that the dichotomy in the definition of Court so held when allowing an appeal by way of case stated broughl by the London Borough of street trading under the 1990 Act was between the selling or coous-ing, or the offering for sale of any Wandsworth against the dismissal by Mr Ian Baker. Wells Street Sopendiary Magistrate, on July 10. article. 1995 of charges against Anita Rosenthal and Rohit Shah of Therefore, exposing an article for gain or reward was within the definition of street trading and that engaging in street trading on the footways outside their shop premises without a licence, conwas clearly what the defendants had been doing.

trary to section 38(1) of the 1990 Act. Accordingly, the justices had been wrong to find that the exposure by a shopkeeper of goods to be sold in the shop on the Section 21 of the 1990 Act provides: "(1) ... street trading' means ... the selling or exporing or the offering for sale of any pavement outside was not street article ... in the street for gain or reward." trading. Solicitors: Mr M. B. A. Walker.

Mr Clive Lewis for the council: Wandsworth: Corsellis.

### Varying planning conditions

Allied London Property Investment Ltd v Secretary of State for the Environment and Another

Before Mr Christopher Lockhart-Mummery, QC Judement March S The purpose of the powers under section 73 of the Town and Country Flaaning Act 1990 to vary con-ditions subject to which planning permussion had been granted, was to consider the acceptability of evision and proposed canditans and not to consider the question of the acceptuability of the devas a matter of principle Mr Christopher Lockhart-Muramery, QC, sitting as a deputy judge in the Queen's Bench Di-vision, so held when allowing an application under section 288 of the 1990 Act by Allied Lundon Propeny Investment Lid to quash the missal by the Secretary of State for the Environment on September 5, 1995 of an appeal against the Lulure of Swale Borough Council to grant, on an application under section 73, planning permission to eviend the time within which an application for approval of n

served matters could be made under an outline consent. The outline planning permission had been eranted on appeal on February 12, 1991 for the construction of a retail park on the Isle of Sneppey. Since that date there had

been a substantial change in planning policy in relation to such permissions with environmental considerations becoming more A lack ni commercial interest in

the planning permission led to applications to extend the time in which to apply for approval of reserved matters. A further year had been granted but the present application was refused on five grounds of principle.

Ms Alice Rubinson for the applicant: Mr Timothy Straker for would in most cases inevitably involve consideration as to the relative impact on material planthe secretary of state. HIS LORDSHIP said that cer-

Third, the section clearly re-quired that, as a matter of construction as to its scope, no distinction was drawn between the conditions and other

The applicant had submined that the only consideration to which regard might be had under section 73(2) was the timing of the have legal and policy implies Fifth, it was plainly right that the decision-maker should not exclude from his mind the effects of his Sixth. however, the decision

maker could not manipulate the decision as to whether or not the variation of the condition was acceptable, in order to achieve purposes which would, or would The secretary of state argued not, result from the implementa-tion of the planning permission as a matter of principle. The purpose of the relevant powers was to consider the acceptability of existto new pulicies declared since the ing and proposed conditions; those powers could not be exercised for carlier decision. the ulterior purpose which was in his Lordship's judgment, the

involved in considering the ques-tion of the acceptability of the proper approach was first that the scope of the considerations arising development as a matter of under section 73(2) was clearly significantly more restrictive than that arising when the question of On that basis the decision letter

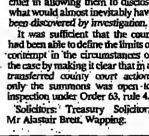
inciple was at large on a normal was clearly flawed. The inspecto had not considered the relative planning application. Only the question of conditions could he merits or harm of allowing the development to proceed now as distinct from the ments or horm of Second, the authority had therethe development having proceeded fore to consider the condition, the reason for it, its function and the in the recent past. degree to which it made the

Solicitors: Kingsley Smith & Co. Chatham: Treasury Solicitor. development acceptable. That

SUDDIMONS, The defendants' stance that what Miss Limbrick had been handed in the central office to inspect and copy was covered by Order 63, rule was entirely reasonabl Correspondingly, the practice in the office of treating a summons' and annexed particulars of claim analogously to a specially endorsed writ could not be criticia Whether, as a matter of law, that was correct was the fundamental

tion as the particulars of claim annexed to a county court

His Lordship was persuaded that for the purposes of Order 63, rule 4 the originating process was the county court summons. His Lordship had to discern what was





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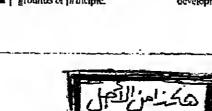
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ning considerations of adhering to the existing condition, as distinct from allowing a new condition. tain uspects were clear from the decision letter including a failure to set out the parameters of the decision in accordance with the criteria set out in section 73 and the inspector had reached his conclu-sion that it was necessary to reassess the acceptability of the development in principle. Fourth, the decision-maker had to consider the development plan and other material considerations when discharging the exercise under section 73. If the dev-elopment plan had material rele-vant to the decision that would

development: should it begin source or later? The lact that if an application were refused and no extension granted the existing period had already expired so that practice the development permitted would not proceed did not enable considerations irrelevant to the conditions or timing of

the development to be brought into that the decision-maker was entitled to have regard to the result of his decision and the effect of varying a condition was that development might take place which would appear to be contrary

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Tim Waterstone on the broad scope and high drama of a cultural chameleon's encounter with Dark Age Britain prevailing fashion for pared-down

ne of the problems with reviewing a Melvyn Bragg novel is how to keep an open mind. We see him on our television screens engaging with writers as diverse as Martin Amis, Dame Barbara Cartland, Edward Albee and Tom Sharpe, so it is difficult not to build up expectations about the kind of fiction which might emerge from this cultural chameleon.

He is perhaps particularly vulnerable when his novels - most recently A Time To Dance and Crystal Rooms --- have a contem-porary theme. The voice is not experimental enough to save Bragg from that school of criticism which does no more than complain that he has neither the surreal comic qualities of, say. Thomas Pynchon nor the bizarre elegance of, say, Muriel Spark. Why should he be expected to?

in Credo he has returned to the form of the historical novel with which he had a notable success nine years ago in The Maid of

CREDO By Melvyn Bragg Sceptre, E16.99

Buttermere. What emerges is a gripping saga of great passion, driven by prose of furious energy. Credo is set in the final decades of the 7th century, when the warrior code of the Dark Ages was in confused conflict with the civilising influences of the early Church. The narrative centres on the semimythical figure of Bega, a young Irish princess who has been blessed with a fragment of the True Cross. She falls in love with the man who has given her knowledge - her tutor Padric, prince of the British kingdom of Rheged. They are banished to Britain by her father after the

murder of a rapist nobleman who was to be her husband.

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There follows a lifelong struggle between Bega's vocation as a bride of Christ, and her passion for Padric. Bega's journey of spiritual uncertainty is at the core of the book, as she is charged to "live for the faith" - despite her naturally wilful inclination to die for it. Striving to distinguish God's will from her own, she is persuaded by Saint Cuthbert to renounce

Padric and dedicate her life to God; she enters the Abbey of Whitby under the tutelage of Abbess Hilda, then founds a nunnery on the western coast. Padric, still longing for mar-riage to Bega, finds his life absorbed in the struggle to free Rheged from its Northumbrian overlords. Bragg draws for us a Britain locked in bloody conflict

Bragg: elemental sensibility

between the Celtic and Roman factions of the Church, a land shadowed by years of war, plague and famine. Bega and Padric work out their lives in agonising separation; finally, with Padric on his deathbed, they are movingly reunited

story is well sustained against a large canvas of events and characters, some fictional, some drawn from historical accounts. Bragg seems wholly comfortable with the sweep of the period, in his own words an age "of saints, scholars. miracles, abbeys, gospels, crosses and the survival of the British".

The physical privations and brutish militarism of the time are robustly portrayed, and the social and religious framework feels authentic in its details. Bragg lists the breadth of his reading, and emphasises that his controlling text has been the Venerable Bede's A History of The English Church And People.

Of course, the dead hand of history can overwhelm fiction of this kind bin what is impressive and moving in Credo is the texture

A romance of miracles and saints The emotional pacing of the love of the world that Bragg evokes. Known for his love of the Romantics, it seems that he has found in the Dark Ages another period when landscape and inner life merged into one another. He succeeds in creating a world dominated by the elements, where the characters' spiritual anxieties find constant correspondence in the physical world around them. Bega suffers "days like cliffs", her father's anger is a "storm of blood in his brain", and the image of battle seems to seep into every aspect of the characters' lives.

this most dramatic but these days Derhaps as a consequence of this elemental sensibility. little considered period in our the writing is sometimes overloaded with sensations and occasionally knotted with epithets to the point of obscurity. This is a

From 1913 until the death

of his first wife, Marga-ret, in 1941, David Lloyd

His love for Frances was far

nation's history.

prose, the headlong rush and

occasional clumsiness of Bragg's

writing will not be to everyone's

laste. I was puzzled too by the

omission of Caedmon, the first

named English poet, who lived at

Whitby under St Hilda; it is surely

too good an opportunity to miss out the failer of English poetry.

But these are minor quibbles

against what is undoubtedly a

sustained, impassioned and uplift-

ing work of popular historical

fiction. There is a far-reaching imagination at work here, and

many of the sequences have a

thrilling power, ranging from the

battles and sea voyages to the

more intimate scenes of love and

visions. He should achieve a wide

audience, reawakening interest in

Tim Waterstone's third novel. A Passage of Lives, wiff be published in August by Hodder Heodfine very long novel, and with the Secret love and a true heroine

John Grigg

FRANCES. COUNTESS LLOYD GEORGE More than a Mistress By Ruth Longford ... Gracewing, £15.99

and Tweed, when he died in 1940, left her £500, as well as E2.000 to Frances.

Ruth Longford is Jennifer's eldest child. She was 15 when her grandmother died in 1972. so she writes with the benefit of personal knowledge. Her book throws new light on a fascinating story, and has the merit - not always found when biography is written by close relations - of being critical as well as landainry. On the debit side, the narrative is at times rather confused, and much that ought to be explained is laken for granted. Familiarity with Lloyd Georges career is more or less assumed, and Frances's background is sketchily, described, as is Tweed's .Wedo learn, however, that he was. a best-selling novelist, and passages most revealing Lloyd George and Frances (ir fictitious guise) are quoted from one of his novels, *Rinehard* (1933).

The strangest aspect of the book concerns Frances's attitude to :-

## Creating language at a stroke

o be groomed by a monkey is to experience primordial emotions ... the gradual surrender to another's avid fingers sliding expertly across bare skin ... You begin to relax into the sheer intensity of the business." These words from the beginning of Robin Dunbar's book lead one to wonder how professors of psychology at the University of Liverpool spend their spare

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But it soon becomes clear that this book is an attempt to pad out a smallish, interesting theory on the relationship between primate grooming and speech into a whole popularising book on the beginnings of language.

Until recently, language oriin was a disreputable, even forbidden subject among serious scholars. It was banned by the Linguistic Society of Paris

GROOMING, **GOSSIP AND** 

Jean Aitchison

THE EVOLUTION OF LANGUAGE By Robin Donbar Faber, £15.99

This, he suggests, is "the number of people you would not feel embarrassed about joining uninvited for a drink if you happened to bump into them in a bar". It's roughly the number of living descendants an ancestral couple might have produced in hunter-gatherer societies.

It's also the number typically found in the villages of the earliest farmers, and is claimed to be the ideal maximum size for a church congregation or a fighting unit. This manual grooming. Talking as a replacement is not so timeconsuming, and allows more than one person to be "groomed" at the same time. s others have pointed out, and as Dunbar himself admits, it is very easy to play the numerologist and find numbers to fit whatever size your theory requires". So he is not necessarily right in his numbers game. But he has made perhaps the first serious attempt to link the observation that language is a substitute for grooming with a possible explanation for why this came about. This then, is the core of the book, which is fleshed out with discussions and diagrams showing the relationship between brain size, group size and grooming time. Yet a basic problem is that increased brain size in humans correlates not only with group size, but also with other variables, such as an improved diet, especially meat-eating, and also with an ability to deceive, known as



William Dwight Whitney commented: "The greater part of what is said and written upon it is mere windy talk." But this has all changed. Reportedly, over a dozen books on the topic are due out this year, and Dunbar's is one of the first.

His book centres on the ment activity for the manual grooming of other primates. This idea is not new. The image of stroking with words occurs in Shakespeare, who makes Caliban in The Tem-pest complain: "When thou carnest first, thou strok'dst me. and mad'st much of me" and the notion of chitter-chatter as "grooming talk" was popularised over a quarter of a century ago by Desmond Morris in his book The Naked Ape (1967). But Dunbar attempts to account for the grooming-gossip link.

His theory is based crucially on group size. Human societies, he argues: "contain buried within them a natural group-ing of around 150 people".

ere is a drowned man. white and bloated as soggy bread". Here are rich, countryclub girls, "their hard, smooth bodies like car fenders". Here is the realm of the perfect image, so simple and precise that it is almost possible to believe it always existed. These two collections of short stories provide landscapes wherein such images may be set like follies; is there any more to it than that?

All literary lineages are complex, and it is facile to attempt to trace a hard and fast ancestry. But Hemingway once claimed that "all modern American literature" is out of Huck Finn; it could be argued that the modern American story is descended directly from Hemingway, with Ste-

- phen Crane and Sherwood Anderson — among others as cousins
- Hemingway tried to "... put down what really happened in
- action: what the actual things were which produced the emotion that you experienced.... " And so Ernest Hemingway Raymond Carver, begat whose tales, hinging on a moment of perception that cuts through the world's noise, have influenced many of the present generation of Ameri-

can story-writers.

Language may have replaced manual grooming: The Lesson in the Use of the Fan (detail), Abraham Solomon (1824-62)

the Machiavellian intelligence hypothesis. Successful deception requires a "theory of mind", an ability to imagine the viewpoint of others. At one time the Machiavellian intelligence supporters were at loggerheads with the gossip-grooming proponents.

But Dunbar has now accepted that the two ideas are complementary, not contradictory. since both involve an increase sun at midday. in sophisticated social manipulation.

Dunbar brings in further sible language triggers. But when it comes to language itself, the author is clearly findings to back up his claims: we are naked apes, and lack

floundering, and is unaware of recent ideas - perhaps not the hair which makes extensive manual grooming useful. He adopts the theory (not his surprising in someone who apart from his grooming-gosown] that a move to less heavily forested woodlands sip work is best known for his exposed proto-humans to exstudy of the social strategies of tensive heat from the sun. An gelada baboons. His comanimal which walks upright and is naked will keep cool ments on actual speech are sparse, and sometimes inaccubetter, with hair retained rate, as with his brief excursus above all on the head, the into the reconstruction of early surface mainly exposed to the language In all, fewer than a dozen

This book then provides a linguistics writers are menuseful overview of some postioned, not all of them correctly spelt, and the bibliographical notes on animals which have been taught a language

system are attached to the wrong chapter.

Overall, the author has surrounded a kernel of interesting speculation with a wrapping of airy persiflage, some of it misleading. But he has shown that gossip about gossip is more than "mere windy talk".

Jean Aitchison is the Rupert Murdoch Professor of Language and Communication of Oxford University; her book The Seeds of Speech: Language, Origin and Evolutioo will be published in April by Cambridge University Press

an. In truth he never wanted to be divorced from Margaret, who continued to be his equal partner in a sense that Frances never was. Nevertheless two years after Margaret's death he made an "honest woman" of Frances, despite the fury of some members of his family; and by accepting an earldom

just before his own death in 1945 he finally made her a countess.

She was genuinely devoted to him and for three decades bad to put up with a position that was embarrassing and equivocal. In middle life she had a serious love affair with another man, Colonel T.F. Tweed, who was chief

organiser of the Liberal Party when Lloyd George was its leader. During this time (in October 1928) she gave birth to a daughter, Jennifer, of whom Lloyd George and Tweed each believed himself to be the

father. Either may have been right: in the absence of scientific evidence the matter can never be conclusively resolved. But Lloyd George treated Jennifer as his own flesh and blood;

Jennifer. Though she seems to have yearned for a child, she was hardly the warmest of mothers, pretending even to Jennifer that she was the child of missionaries killed in China, whom she (Frances) had adopted. This myth was maintained

to protect not only Lloyd George's reputation, but also evidently her own, since in the autobiography that she wrote long after Lloyd Georges death she proposed to repeat it, until advised by Jennie either to tell the truth or not mention her at all.

As a result Jennifer is not mentioned in her mothers autobiography, though it contains an admission that Frances was Lloyd Georges mistress. When, late in her life, she was asked on television il she minded never having had children, she replied: "Lloyd George was my child."

Anyone who knows Jennifer Longford can only marvel at the balance and serenity of her character. She is the true heroine of her daughters book.

No ten dollar words Erica Wagner

THE POINT By Charles D'Ambrosio Flamingo, E9.99 A STRANGER IN THIS WORLD By Kevin Canty Viking, £13.50

His shadow is clearly visible on the stories of both D'Ambrosio and Canty particularly in those of the former. In Lyricism Potter tackles Joan for not much reason and pulls her down in the grass; in American Bullfrog, Freddie and Regimbal collide: "this, in its own way. was a kind of discussion we were having, a debate". D'Ambrosio's stories - set in a Pacific North West where Boeing have laid off 60,000 workers - do not seek to explain confusion but reflect it.

But this makes misjudgment treacherous: the final image of The Point has a writing-school neatness that a more delicate, less abrasive tale, such as Jacinta, avoids. But il is Canty who most effectively deploys Hemingway's tactic, particularly in Pretty Judy, about a boy's half-

unwilling and yet inexorable liaison with a mentally handicapped girl. This tale makes the reader's emotions of fascination and disgust a mirror of the boy's compulsion. Dogs risks the awkward second person, but its compression

allows it to escape contrivance. and makes immediate the beautiful bodies of dogs killed for no reason other than "moving to new apt.".

In Canty's final, title story, Candy Collins, feeling disjoined from life by her hus-band's death, "liked herself best when she was almost nothing". In a certain sense all the characters in these collections are strangers in the world, retreating from its random mysteries into the tiny. almost meaningless acts over which they have some control. In doing so, they reveal a kinship with an older literary line than might first have appeared: like Melville's Bartleby, they simply prefer not to.

EDVARD RADZINSKY is a journalist and playwright, and his biography of Stalin has more dramatic flourish than scholarly analysis. Perhaps only specialists need now be concerned with the details of the career. Stalinist terror, however, does not yet convert into history. Responsible for it, was Stalin mad or bad?

Naturally he took care to leave few psychological clues, and certainly no confessional equivalent of Mein Kompf. Radzinsky makes much of the access he has had to the presidential and other archives which had been closed, but little more than juicy titbits are to be garnered from them. As usual with Stalin, intelligent guess work must amplify the facts. Surviving letters show that

Stalin remained on kindly but distant terms with his mother in Georgia. He was indifferent to everyone else. Medical records reveal that Nadezhda. his second wife, committed suicide just before she was due for a cancer operation: perhaps she did not kill herself solely to be rid of him, as usually maintained.

## After all, he loved his mother

STALIN By Edvard Radzinsky Hodder & Stoughton, £25 LIFE AND TERROR IN STALIN'S RUSSIA By Robert W. Thurston Yale, E 18.50

One of Radzinsky's new documents is the diary of Maria Svanidze, a woman who was both the wife of Stalin's former brother-in-law and a close friend of Nadezhda's. Evidently and rightly, she anticipated arrest and wrote her diary to serve as testimony in her favour, but still it catches the various dreads in the inner circle.

Quick to grasp the essentials of any argument, Stalin also had an outstanding memory. None of his colleagues and rivals trusted him, but they distrusted each other more. Exploiting every opening, Stalin was intimidating. Radzinsky sees him as energised simultaneously by hot rage and cold calculation. a

**David Pryce-Jones** 

Stalin: left no confession

master plotter sitting through the night in the Kremlin and marking death lists, bad enough to seem mad but sane by totalitarian standards. Lust for power is the key.

Stalin is held to have panicked at the German invasion in 1941, and to have hidden himself away for days on end. Radzinsky has found the calendar of his engagements and the diary of an administrative assistant which establish that

Stalin was in his office for all but 48 hours of the initial period, with Politburo members and his generals. Rage was again the uppermost emotion, rage with his own mistaken assumption that Hitler would act logically. Rage and calculation turned

into outright paranoia after the war. Eastern and Central Europe were now his, he had the nuclear weapon, and he prepared for the apocalyptic triumph of communism. A month before he died, he was heard to declare: "If the imperialist gentlemen feel like going to war, there is no more suitable moment for us than this." Radzinsky interprets it

literally. Finally Radzinsky traced someone by the name of Peter Lozgachev, who had been on

duty in the dacha at the moment of Stalin's death. From this man's story it seems to Radzinsky that Stalin's would-be successors deliberately denied him medical help, and possibly even made sure that he would die.

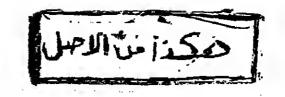
No Russian of any distinction has yet tried to argue in Stalin's favour, and it is left to a few Western historians to claim that he was not so bad. Robert W. Thurston is an example. In his considered opinion. Stalin was often at a loss, not to say powerless, influenced by others and even by public opinion. In turn Russians fought hard in the Second World War because they admired him. State Prosecutor Andrei Vyshinsky, who shouted: "Shoot the mad dogs" at the accused, was truly concerned with fine points of judicial procedure.

NOT SO MANY were killed in the terror after all - plenty survived, and the more deplorable excesses were over by 1939 (those murdered in killing cycles between 1940 and 1953 for some reason need not be taken into account).

Revisionism of this sort, 25 of Nazism, proves only lack of imagination about life in a setting without any of the usual moral assumptions. Some unhappy Russians are so terrified of the future that they are willing to be duped about the past. But an American professor has no such excuse.

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**Enoch Powell** 

THE FIVE BOOKS OF

MOSES Translated by Everett Fox

Harvill, 525

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ed edge, bottom and top,

comes a daunting volume from the Director of the Jewish

Studies Programme at Clark University at Worcester, Illi-

nois; but those who open it

must refuse to be daunted and

allow themselves 10 be drawn on 10 read the old familiar

in 1923 the German theologian, Martin Buber, with his

works in a new dress.

## The complexities of complicity

Gitta Sereny on the shared guilt for a nation's old wrongs

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f all the events in modern history, probably none has been more exhaustively written about than the Nazis' murder of the Jews. And here now, 51 years on, is another cri de coeur. Daniel Jonah Goldhagen is a young assistant professor of government and social studies at Harvard (where his father. Erich, who survived the Nazi camps, is a visiting lecturer in Jewish studies). Hitler's Willing Execulioners retains many of the characterisrics of the 1994 doctoral dissertation from which it originales. But he is clever and a talented researcher even if, in parts of this passionately angry book, the talent is ill-used.

He sets out to prove that what he calls "eliminationist" anti-Semitism dominated German public thinking from at least 1845. The general view in Germany for more than a century, he

> HITLER'S WILLING EXECUTIONERS By Daniel Jonah Goldhageo Little, Brown, £20

writes, was of Jews as "corrosive" "malevolent" and "incompatible with Germans". This led 10 the conviction that they had to be "eliminated" - in those early years preferably by conversion to Christianity.

Quotacions from newspapers or public personalities of the time are carefully selected to support this thesis, There is no attempt to present comparalive views. He omits the fact, for example, that the emancipation movement in Germany during the 19th century was sufficiently strong and successful that great numbers of Jews chose Germany as their refuge from the pogroms in Eastern Europe and were welcomed there.

By skimming over the liberalism of the Weimar Republic (where, incidentally a Jew, Jakob Riesser, was Vice-President of the Reichstag), he arrives at the conclusion that as the majority of Germany's Jews rejected the "benign" solution of baptism, this "eliminanotust" anti-Semitism, deeply ingrained in the German personality. inevitably led to extermination.

Part II of the book deals with the German perpetrators: in occupied Eastern Europe, in the concentration a. I labour camps, and on the "death marches" at the end of the war.



"Germans! Defend Yourselves! Don't Shop with Jews!" Photographing those who break a boycott of Jewish stores in Berlin, 1938: the pictures would later be publicly displayed

Nonetheless, it is of value for Goldhagen to emphasise onre more, as be does, that the murder of the Jews

was not limited to the gas chambers in occupied Poland and that an enormous number of "ordinary" Germans - not the SS, but young soldiers, and policemen trained for traffic control enthusiastically murdered Jews (by shootings) in Eastern Europe.

ut in his need to prove virtually all Germans individually, uniquely monstrous he yet again fails to provide the context essential to real understanding. He barely mentions the age-old violent anti-Semitism in Eastern Europe, the many thousands of virulently anti-Semitic auxiliaries the Germans recruited there, all of whom if anything outdid them in brutality and essentially enabled them to carry out the genocide. His manifest purpose to evaluate German anti-Semitism in isoladon from the surrounding world is historically indefensible. Throughout the book and the 126 pages of largely editorialising notes the author determinedly chooses the facts to suit his purpose. Could one imagine, he writes, that the Danes or Italians could have brutalised Jewish men. women and children? We don't have to imagine, for we know - as of course he did too before he asked his disingenuous question — that of all European

Antonia Fraser

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PRINCESSES

By Alison Plowden

Alan Sutton, E17.99

fanuly's interests to those of her adopted country. The Stu-

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nations, these are precisely the two who protected their Jews.

In an imaginative paragraph - one can only say a fantasy - he paints a picture of German killers walking through the woods next to children on the way to the killing ground. With what emotions, he asks, did these men gaze. say, at an eight or twelve-yearold girl ... a delicate little human being? As one reads this, one feels this is written by a man in an ivory tower who knows and understands nothing. There were so many children; did they ever make you think of your children, of how you would feel in the position of their parents?" I asked Franz Stangl, Commandant of Treblinka. He looked astonished at my question. "No", he said after some thought. "I can't say I ever thought that way. You see ... how can I explain ... I rarely saw them as individuals ... they were naked ... running... driven with

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of the Jews: that they were killed, not because of Hitler's manic ideology and his extraordinary ability to convince his people that bad was good; and not because the Germans were slaves to authority and, with few exceptions, devoid of civic courage. The Jews died, he says, over and over as if repetition could make it so, because the majority of 60 million Germans wanted them dead, knew about the murders and took whatever part they could in them. Countless historians and thinkers have shown over the past 50 years that. whatever the degree of anti-Semitism in Germany, such a totalistic notion is nonsense. But Goldhagen scorns all of them. Youthfully dispensing criticism and advice as to how they could and should do better, he disregards the

fundamentals of social and political analysis. Stop referring to them as Nazis," he cries, and one senses his agony. They were Germans, Germans, Germans." Can one write a book such as this in this degree of pain?

Fission reaction

MICHAEL ARDITTI'S second novel is about all sorts of things: parenthood, sexual choice, the ties of blood, reli-gion, celebrity, prejudice, media intrusion, child abuse,

Big topics all, they need a big container, and get one. The suspicion lingers that there is another thing this book is about: about 100 pages too long. The coda alone is worth 50 pages. Even by Dickensian standards, in which the the narrative take their time to come to a standstill, that's a long goodbyc. Pagan is a six-year-old girl with no known father, a recently dead mother, a homoexual guardian (our narrator Leo) and two grandparents who have never met her. They Arditti: familial subversion nonetheless harbour plans to secure custody, although their own daughter Candida has Leo's father is ga-ga: Candi extracted a pledge from Leo And they lived unhappily ever after da's bitter brother is in a never to contact them. wheelchair: Candida herself, It turns out that Candida after a lifeome of hectic sex, is always resented her adoption, claimed by motor neurone and spent her life nakedly disease. And, as if our cup bridal journey from Portugal subverting their petty bourrunneth not over, Pagan's she had never even seen her future bridegroom. "But madgcois values (very occasionally father turns out to be a she would also do it fully transsexual. am." replied Mary unanswerclothed). But Leo is betugn. sociable, conciliatory, a wellably. "you came into England; ARDITTI'S technical ambibut I am going out of Eng-land." Little did Mary know liked television chat show host oon is to deliver a narradve which is addressed to a dead to boot, and probably too good to be true. Whatever, in his that time's revolutions would character without coming over bring Mary to occupy, jointly decency he can't see the harm all soppy. Inidally, in order to with William, her father's give us a flavour of the absent in their request. The saga that ensues comes mother, there is a flashback In general, Plowden deploys with a health warning for all seamlessly woven into every her extensive knowledge of parents and guardians prone page. Some are a tad overripe Tudor and Stuart rimes to "You were as dismissive of to panic attacks and night the Reformation as the Preprovide a series of skilfully sweats. Pagan is separated written studies for those who from her one true, if not Raphaelites were of the like to read historical stories Renaissance"). But as the narbiological, parent by a Kafkarative breaks into a gallop, featuring real princesses rathesque minefield of dread affier than fairy tales. But it has to davits and furtive intolerance, Leo's penchant for reminisbe said that most of the stories as the frostiness between the cence is soon a thing of the are sad ones. Saddest of all is rival carers turns into cold past perhaps the fate of Elizabeth, war, then goes nuclear as daughter of Charles I, who ritual allegations of child abuse are traded. And aldied in captivity at Carisbrooke Castle, at the age of 15. though Leo casts the grand-Yet few of the arranged parents' suburban-Christian marriages proved morality as a species of Gothic villainy, it's the homosexual to happy. However, one did turn

the law.

**Jasper Rees** PAGAN AND HER PARENTS





be read aloud. J lations of the Bible, this one disdains to

collaborator, Franz Rosenzweig, sel out to present the first books of the Hebrew Bible with due attention to their linguistic character - as remote from that of our modern languages as poetry is from prose. They could not therefore offer a comfortable read; but they believed they conveyed something important about the thought and expression of the authors who created the Torah. Everett Fox believed

the same could be attempted in English, and he has done this in a new translation with introduction, commentary and

notes. The problem with the ex-periment is that radical English character which makes the Tyndale version that lies beneath the King James Bible a model of the tuning of the English tongue. It would be hard to find a language more remote from biblical Hebrew than English. The Hebrew Bible represents the resonance of Hebrew and Hebrew mode of expression, and to present a text in a form which reveals those characteristics causes difficulty in a work intended to

attempt to reflect contemporary usage of the English language. In particular, the traditional layout of the text in solid paragraphs is replaced in favour of displaying the recitation. The result is sur prisingly enlightening, fascinating and satisfactory. In the account of the creadon, the Authorised Version runs: "And God said, let the waters bring forth abundantly, the moving creature that has life and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven." The new translation runs: God said

Only the last part here is new, his descriptions starkly telling. Much of the rest of the material was derived from the same source as Christopher Browning's instant classic Ordinary Men (1992) with which he followed up a shocking collection of letters and statements in Those Were The Days and God With Us by the German writers Klee, Dressen and Riess.

n order to make up for the disappointment of not being queen, "she wished

to reign in the hearts of all

good people by the charm of her person and the real beauty

of her soul". The sentiments,

which have an oddly contem-

porary ring, were in fact those of a 17th-century princess,

Henrietta Anne. sister of

Charles II, better known

under her pet name. Minette.

Minette suffered was to be

slighted by her first cousin.

Louis XIV, as being too young.

too thin and too unimportant.

In consequence she was mar-

ried off to his brother, "Mon-

sieur" Philippe Duc d'Orleans,

and as "Madame," the first

lady of the French court after

the Queen, did indeed reign in a number of French hearts.

love and loyalty was to her

brother, King Charles across the water. Minene retained a

touching sense of her own destiny as an English princess. It was faithful and discreet

Minette whom King Louis and King Charles used as the

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the Secret Treaty of Dover of

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The disappointment which

monster psychologists in Berlin, worked only too well. Far from noocing any delicate little girls, the Jews, once undressed, ceased to be human beings for these German killers, who, in their mass orgies. ceased being individuals.

Mr Goldhagen is too intent on proving his preconceived and far too simplistic explanation for the murder

has not yet understood the truth history has proved: that murderous bigotry is not ingrained in the character of any one nation but is part of the human coodition. It is not only young Germans who, as did happen after 1945, needed to be retaught humanity, but all our children, white, black brown and yellow, need to learn this now and for evermore.

English throne.

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into a love match: that was the

union of James I's daughter

Elizabeth and Frederick, the

Elector Palatine. This Eliza-

beth also bore an enormous

family, most of whom sur-

vived. It is perhaps a good augury to reflect that the

present Queen descends from this robust Elizabeth, rather

than her more fragile cousins.

whom the mud sticks. This is a manifesto for minorities, and true to the genre it sometimes makes exaggerated claims. Eager to prove that we can't all be ablebodied heteros. Arditti packs Pagan's world with characters subjected to discrimination because of what they do - or can't do - with their bodies. the unshakeable.

Let the waters swarm with a swarm of living beings and let fowl fly above the earth across the dome of the heavens."

The translator believes that words have "lost their elemental meaning and in a way that the optimistic 19th century in which Buber and Rosenzweig worked could not have dared to believe. In this situation can a translation of ancient books. even though they are from the Bible, have anything to say or are they merely a 'voire from a dead man'? I use Kafka's mordant expression."

The reader who can afford this luxurious volume will find himself caught by the simplicities of It and will believe that. even in translation, there is a route through language to a comprehension of a different

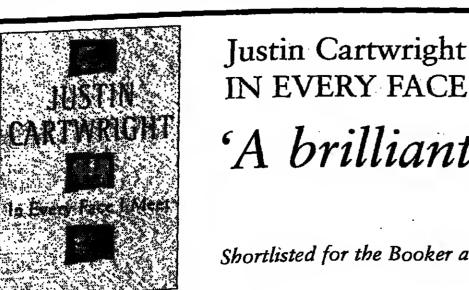
Let's racion ourselves to one lopographical nitpick. advis-ing the author never to show his face in West Acton, where he has chosen to relocate Wormwood Scrubs. East Acton, meanwhile, can breathe a sigh of relief, and so can everyone by the end of the

undemonstrative

novel, whose shining virtue is moral cleanliness. It should be required reading wherever the nuclear family is smallmindedly lauded as the one true ideal: a case of the unputdownable in pursuit of

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Charles, James and Mary, three of Charles I's children

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The princesses in question range from Elizabeth, daughter of James I, born in 1596, to Anne, daughter of James II, who reigned from 1702 to 1714. Mary, the eldest daughter of Charles I, was married off to William of Orange when she was nine and he 15. After the marriage, the young pair were officially "bedded," which and lower during the Civil War. Mary still wished the Dutch to give him total sup-port. William of Orange died meant that, since Mary was too young for real consummayoung. Mary's only child --the future William III -- was non to take place, their bare legs had to be seen to touch. At one point the Princess's nightborn after his death when she

was just 19. Typically, Mary wanted the boy to be named Charles, but the Dowager fter this nervous start, Mary as Princess of Orange continued to

regard her position as an English princess as infinitely superior to that of a princess of Orange. Even when her future James II. Mary wept father's fortunes sank lower bitter tears when she was condemned - as she saw it to leave her beloved country

Princess of Orange insisted that it was an unlucky name, and so William it was. In the course of time this young William of Orange was

married to his first cousin, another Stuart princess named Mary, daughter of the

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### **TRAVEL NEWS**

### FERRY BARGAINS

STENA Line and Hoverspeed discounts for advanced bookings to France are due to finish this Sunday. Stena is cutting 25 to 40 per cent off published fares on its three routes from Dover, Newhaven and Southampton. The offers, for travel until October 19, reduce peak crossing prices from £326 to £199 and off-peak from £218 to Details: 0990 £159. 707070. Hoverspeed is offering a flat rate £99 return for crossings after April 1 for a car and five adults from Folkestone to Boulogne and £129 from Dover to Calais. Details: 01304 240241.

L LE SHUTTLE is cutting 20 per cent off all 1996 crossings. Bookings made by April 30 qualify for the discount. Details: 0990 353535.

IRtSH Ferries has a £49 one-way fare for a car and up to five adults on its Pembroke-Rosslare route until May 22 for Monday to Thursday travel (excluding April 3 to 7). For Friday to Sunday trips, the fare is £59. Details: 0345 171717

P&O European Ferries is offering E29 trips to Le Havre or Cherbourg from Portsmouth, based on two people with a car and including a threecourse meal and a cabin on night sailings to Le Havre, For £39 per person, the company will add a night in a hotel. Details: 0990 980555.

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£250m Australia tourism boost

#### BY TONY DAWE

WITH miles of open road and cars driving on the left, Australia and the tour operators which serve it have decided to target British holidaymakers eager to drive themselves as they try to maintain the boom in travel to the continent.

Self-drive holidays feature prominently for the first time in the new Bridge the World brochure to be launched in London tonight, while developing the state's roads forms the major part of a £250 million tourism investment programme announced by the

Northern Territory. "Just as Florida recognised the potential lor fly-drive holi-days instead of one or twocentre visits so, too, has Australia, with its miles of empty roads and vast tracts of country to explore," says Andrew Bogle, Bridge the World's marketing director. "Self-drive is a major growth



Passport to Australia

area with visitors able to discover the southern and eastern seaboard from Adelaide to Cairns."

Stephen Gregg, managing director of the Northern Territory Tourist Commission, says that the internal road system Australia next winter.



highways. The roads ear-marked for improvement include the Stuart Highway and the Mereenie Loop road from Alice Springs to Ayers Rock and Kings Canyon through TOMORROW the West Macdonnell Ranges. A special 16-page Access to national parks will

also be improved. supplement will be published with The Times target is to persuade visitors to . spend longer in the state.

Britain is a vital market for Australia - 370,000 of us travelled there last year - and the campaign is aimed at consolidating that position. It will be boosted by a growth in air charter seats available to



Biking by Ayers Rock: improving roads is on the Northern Territory's tourism agenda

### **NEWS IN BRIEF**

FOR THE second year rate ning, a regular contributor to The Times Travel News pages has been named Business Travel Journalist of the Year in the Business Travel World awards. Tony Dawe received his prize at a ceremony in London last week. David Churchill won last year's award.

I MANCHESTER airport has for the first time been named best in the world in an International Air Transport Association survey of 45,000 long-haul passengers.

THE CHALET girl is coming to the ski slopes of Chile. Passage to South America (0171-602 9889]. of London, is to offer British skiers fully catered chalet holidays in La Parva, 25 miles from the capital. Santiago. The first departure will be on July 23.

THE Belgian Tourist Office in the UK has formed its own tour operator. Go Belgian (0171-491 1444), to capitalise on the short-breaks market. The Channel Tunnel. the growth of Eurostar rail services and a ferry and air price war encour-aged an estimated 2.5 million couples to take a continental break last year.

Americans delighted to find somewhere to smoke

of the controversy which arose AMERICA'S newest airport over the presence of two has found that smokers know how to spend money. In the opening months at Denver smoking bars when the vast Denver International opened International Airport, the most profitable of the vast last year. Against the predictions of the health lobby, the complex's many bars was one Aviator's Club ("smokers welcome") on Concourse B now attracts more than 2,000 custhat allowed people to smoke, It took more than \$1 million in tomers a day. its first ten months. The figures make a mockery

powerful ventilation system which can change the air four times an hour. There is none of the fug that afflicts, say, the smoking carriages of British Rail trains. The Aviator's Club is also kitted out with leather omers a day. The bar is equipped with a of ashtrays. It offers smokers

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tional passengers is 40 per cent. Travelling on an airline a guilt-free environment with the easy companionship of fellow devotees of the weed. The faces of those inside tend to reflect a mixture of defiance and relief. Thirty per cent of American

domestic air travellers smoke, while the figure for interna-

rooms for kids... They had all that figured out, but they were not addressing the needs of one-third of the people who

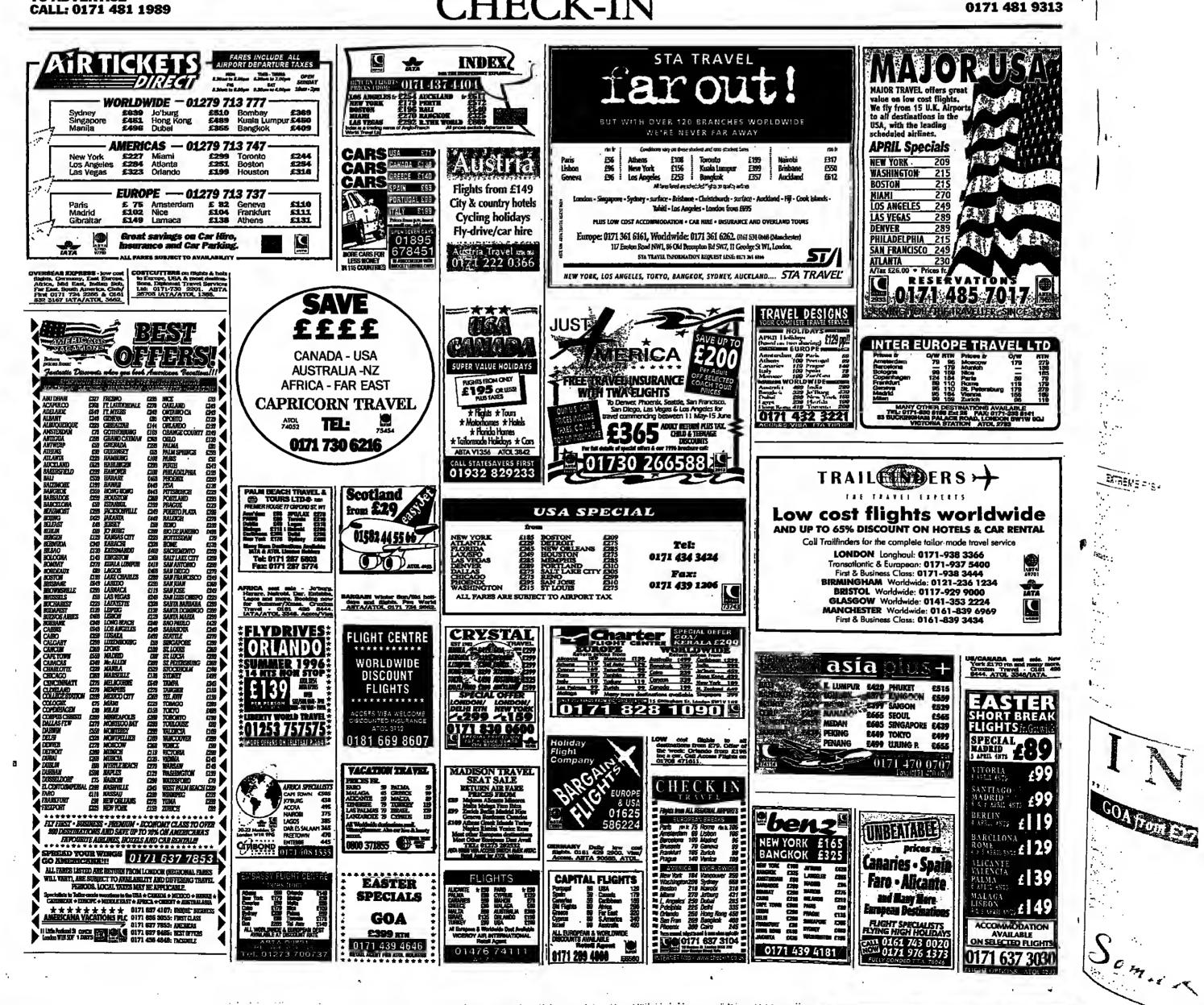
go through the airport." is a stressful situation. They need to light up." David Mostellar, owner of the Avia-The very size of Denver International surely adds to passengers' anxiety. It is no tor's Club, said. "When you place for tight connections. walked around the airport you saw things for the handi-capped, the elderly, special For transit passengers, the smoking bar can offer the only

friendly environment on a 12hour journey. Mr Mostellar has proposed opening more smoking bars at Denver, and at other US airports, where anti-smoking regulations (as, for instance, at New York's JFK) are rigorously applied and can lead to scenes of tense non-comprehension by foreign travellers.

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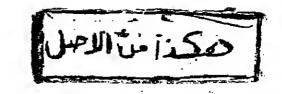
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## Britain's travellers are upwardly mobile

THE WAY Britain takes a holiday is undergoing one of its periodic upheavals. The first signs appeared a few months ago when the number of customers booking a foreign package huliday fell sharply. Many in the indus-try assumed this would be temporary, something that could be cured cuning the number of hulidays offered. I refused to believe that the two-week family package had had its day. But it is now clear that the wealthy, independent and more demanding are once again setting a trend

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that will inevitably trickle ing just as much as, if down the social pyramid. In the short-term, the num-ber of people taking foreign package holidays will contin-ue to fall, purticularly at the bottom und of the morther noi more than. did befnre. Figures compiled by

bonom end of the market. Those who do travel abroad, however, will de-mand ever higher standards. the British travel trade rather than lower prices. They will refuse to be cajoled into early booking but will follow the continental pattern of deciding at the last moment where to go. They will travel further and stay for shorter periods while spend-

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show that bookings for European package holidays are 20 per cent lower than they were this time last year. And, the experts say, by the end of the summer only eight million people will have taken a package holiday this year, down two million from 1995.

half full with couples who preferred to eat in the ship's best, and expensive, restau-However, while the Mediterrarant. Most were staying for nean has slumped. twn nights in chateaux rather there has been a rise in than in cheap hotels or on campsites. On the car decks, expensive Range Rovers were more in long haul holidays, in the use of busievidence than Ford Fiestas.

On the way back the head ness class and in expensive villas, castles and hotels. The statistics were brought to life of a small tour operator said: The only people travelling now are the rich. They are un-affected by the *franc fort* or the high prices in France. for me last weekend. During the outward journey to St Malo and the return

They are now able to relax in from Caen, the Brittany Fer-ries ship was comfortably lowns and resorts that are no longer dominated by pack-

aged masses cramming into

cheap gift shops." This is why Majorca is blowing up its ugly concrete hotels, why Thomson is selfing "city breaks" again, why those operators that aim to sell to the richest 4 per cent of the travelling public have never had it so good and why the French believe that their tourist fortunes are about to change.

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### **TRAVEL NEWS**

#### **BARGAINS OF THE WEEK** the tria from £329 HOLIDAYS a person, with flights from Queen to Po-land at the invitation of Euroview, which is Gatwick on Easter Sunday. organising nine-day tours this summer, including Kra-Details: 0171-707 9000. kow, the Tatra Mountains D POST-EASTER savings and Auschwitz for £439 a person, including coach and in Kenya are available from Tropical Places with a foriferry travel, bed and breaknight at an all-inclusive

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dation, is available from Jetset. Details: 0990 555757. □ SAVINGS of £200 a week on a luxury villa in Provence and £50 discounts on mid-THOMSON still has July holidays are among the Easter week skiing holidays offers from Drive France.

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D THE Munich Park Hilton in Germany is celebrating the birth of King Ludwig It with a two-night weekend package including visits to his castles and Oberammergau. Prices from £76.65 per person. Details: 0345 581595

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BRITISH Midland has launched Spring Saver fares on flights between East Midlands Airport and Paris, Brussels, Amsterdam or Edinburgh, All destinations cost £85 return, except £89 to Amsterdam. Details: 0345

LAUDA Air is FLIGHTS providing two nights' free accommodation in Salzburg or two days' car rental. The deal is valid for full-fare passengers booking its daily Gatwick-Salzburg service. Details: 0800 767737. BRITISH Airways has introduced seat sale fares

between UK provincial air ports and Germany:

fever hits tour firms

### By HARVEY ELLIOTT

FOOTBALL fans planning to stay at home to watch Euro 96 - the European championship to be played at grounds across England in June -were last night blamed by tour operators for triggering a new

holiday price war. Those with no interest in soccer, however, could benefit by taking advantage of halfprice packages available throughout the tournament. Tens of thousands of early summer holidays, which tour operators had hoped to sell at the full brochure price, will now be on sale at discounts of

The first tour operator to move was Cosmos, the fourth biggest, which still has 30,000

make the discounts available." Neel Josephides, of Sunvil

Holidays, said: There is no doubt that the forthcoming European championship has affected the lower end of the market and that creeps up through the entire spectrum.

We were not prepared to be left with unsold holidays at the last moment" said Roger Corkhill, managing director. "When we looked at our position in June we decided to

Although June is especially

key and Florida brochures and has also discounted packages to more exone destina-tions such as Mexico. China

and the Caribbean. A holiday for a family of four in the Salou Pacific Apartments on the Costa Dorada from June 18 - the day England play Holland at Wembley - will now cost £456 for 14 nights compared with the brochure price of £997. Other reductions are available at nearly 140 hotels and apartments in Z7 destinations.

Peter Rothwell, managing director of Airtours, said: "June is a real problem but it would be disappointing to see a really big tour operator such as us not holding our nerves. There is almost certainly going to be discounting among smaller companies."

Tour operators generally have reduced the number of holidays on sale throughout the summer by about 15 per cent in the hnpe that the remaining eight million can be sold at or near full price.

"The question now is whether that is going to be enough" said Mr Corkhill, "Demand remains stagnant and there is no indication that things will gel any better."

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ummended in Guatemala. In the capital, Guatemala City. there are some four kidnappings and ten car thefts a day, despite a heavy troop presence. The situation may improve in future, however, as a temporary ceasefire has been announced by the country's three major guerrilla groups. Colombia is also considered

a high-risk area, with the National Liberation Army (ELN) holding hostage a Briton, a Dane and a German, all reportedly alive and well. The rural-based ELN periodically kidnaps foreign employees of large corporations and demands sizeable ransoms. Parcel bombs have been sent to two foreign missions recently. Internal travel by air is advised. Visitors travelling by road should take advice from the Embassy and local au-

thorities beforehand. In Iran, tension has been increased by accusations from the US and elsewhere that Iran is supporting the suicide

ONLY essential travel is rec-

Hamas, the Islamic resistance movement, is believed to have been responsible for three of the recent bombings. Travel-lers to israel would be well advised to wait unril after the elections on May 29, and to avoid public transport.

bombers in Israel. In Gaza,

The risk to travellers in the Indian-ruled area of Kashmir is high, with increasing conflict between police and the Jammu and Kashmir Libera-tion Front UKLF), while two recent bombs in Lahore underline the dangers of traveling in Pakistan.

In Nigeria ethnic fighting continues and disease, especially meningins, is a serious risk. The World Health Organisation also notes deadly contagious diseases in the Sahal region of Zaire. Travel in Rwanda is not recommended either, with Hutu rebels involved in recent showings. Muzambique is considered high risk following a riot by unemployed former soldiers last year. there on March 19.

EXTREME RISK

MILITANT groups pose a constant threat in Algeria. where non-essential travel is not advised. The GIA [Armed Islamic Group) recently exploded a vehicle bomb in Berronaghia, and there has been shooting in the Hassi Massoud oil region and in Algiers. Also dangerous is Sri Lan-

ka, with a condnuing threat from the Tamil Tigers, 300 of whom ambushed an army unit last weekend. Somalia has seen an increased number of kidnappings - and in the absence of proper government or police, more are likely. Pinkertons: 01420 544024.

bad, the normal booking rhythm is just not there at all this year. The Mediterranean is between 23 and 24 per cent down on this time last year although many long-haul destinations are still selling well." Cosmos has cut the price of

holidays in hotels featured in its Summer Sun, Greece, Tur-

### sell all those available during the school holiday peak. But the doubts remain. **France** slips in

## caravan league

### BY STEVE KEENAN

BRITAIN'S caravan holidaycountry this year. And people are travelling for shorter breaks, said Arlene Spicer, makers are avoiding France to take the high road to other European destinations this product manager for the Carasummer. Camping operators van Club's travel service. are slashing prices as sales to The annual two-to-three week holiday has become less France continue to trail 30 per popular. Members are taking cent below the same period shorter breaks, perhaps two or

In 1995, traditional enclaves three times a year, to destinations other than France." such as Brittany, the Dordogne and the Vendée domi-Two caravan siles in Ireland nated the list of top holiday and two in Spain feature in the 1996 top ten, with two in Italy and one in Germany also spots for 40,000 families who booked their holiday abroad with The Caravan Club. making the top 20. In total, 18 of the 20 most

Top ten caravan sites so far popular designations were in France, with French caravan for 1996: I. Royan. Charente-Marinme, France

sites filling the top seven places. But bookings so far to 1996 show only one French site in the top five. Royan in Charente-Maritime, which Rijnsburg, Holland. Co Kerry, Ireland Costa Brava, Spain has held on to the No. I slot S. Noya, northern Spain 6. Le Pas Opton, Vendée, from last year. A site in Holland has leapt France

into 2nd place, while other new favourites include Spain. 7. Co Wicklow, Ireland Camping du Bohat, Ireland, Germany and Italy. Brittany, France 9. Les Sables d'Olonne. The slump in demand for France reflects a fall of 30 per cent in all holidays to the Vendée, France 10. Atlantic Coast, France.

### to boycott Burma

TOURISTS were yesterday Thousands of ordinary urged to boycott Burma in people are being forcibly reprotest at the ruling military junta's abuse of human rights, Horvey Elliott writes. Labour's shadow foreign minister Derek Fatchett

described the Burmese State Law and Order Restoration Council (SLORC) which had designated 1996 as Visit Burma Year as "evil".

"The regime is clearly one of the worst in the world. The development of the tourist industry has been at a price to the local community which every decent person would regard as unacceptable. 1 would strongly urge tourists to think carefully before booking a holiday in Burma." The Burma Action Group,

which is pressing for the restoration of human rights in the country, launched a "Al-ternative Guide" to the region in which they claim that the main tourism developments are being carried out by up to two million "slave labourers", including children. of 95.600 foreign tourists.

moved from their homes to clean up lourist sites or to make way for new develop-ments, it claims. Yvette Mahon, co-ordinator of the group said: "By visiting

Burma now people are lend ing legitimacy to a cruel and greedy military dictatorship." The 38 British tour operators who organise visits to Burma were also urged to

drop it from their brochures, or at least to explain to potential customers what was happening in the country at another meeting held yesterday by Tourism Concern. But most are convinced they should not become involved. "We do not get in-volved in politics." said Alan Flook, secretary general of the

Federation of Tour Operators. "Members of the public must make up their own minds where they want to go." About 2,000 Britons visited Burma last year out of a total

### Kenya spreads its attractions

#### BY TONY DAWE

A NEW plan to encourage tourist development to spread throughout Kenya beyond the most popular national parks and short strips of coastline

was announced yesterday. David Western, director of Kenya Wildlife Service, told a meeting in London that spreading the load" is vital if the country's landscape and animal life are to survive the continuing growth in tourism. Travel companies are to be encouraged to be more imaginative in the choice of tours they offer while the service is negotiaong with private land-owners in lesser-known areas to persuade them to provide new lodges and tented camps for visitors. Around 680,000 tourists

went to Kenya last year, with four out of five going to see the wildlife, and as the figures increase officials warn that the principal national parks can comfortably handle only 750,000 visitors a year.

The key word is diversity, whether tourists are interested in wildlife, landscape, culture or history." Dr Western said. Most tourists think of the Masai Mara, Amboseli and Lake Nakuru as the obvious tourist lodges.

national parks to visit on safari and want to see "the big five" animals (elephants, lions, leopards, buffalo and rhinoceros). "But Kenya has far more to

offer with 34 parks and re-serves including six marine ones and they contain only 10 per cent of the country's total wildlife," Dr Western added. For example, the Central Moorlands, with 1,000ft waterfalls, contains the bongo, a rare forest antelope, as well as giant forest hogs and a wealth of elephants. The tropical Kakamega Forest is home to many rare primates, bunerflies and birds and Hell's Gate, only an hour from Nairobi, offers a vast geological amphitheatre and lush gorges." The service acts as the custodian of all wildlife in the country, as well as managing the parks and reserves, and ploughs all the money raised from tourism back into conservation. Through a newly created tourism department, it

also meets landowners and helps them to find the funds and form legal associations to build tented camps and eco-

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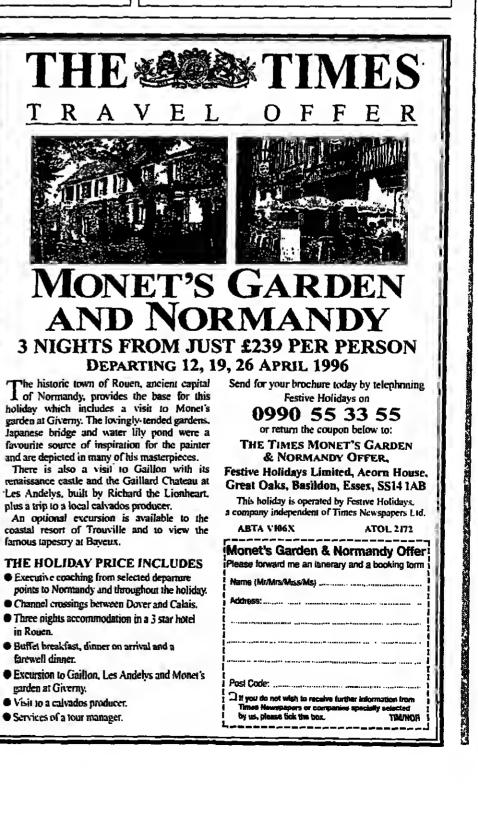
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## **Botica plans two** years of repeats after the break

#### BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

THE leg that launched 826 goals for Wigan now has a metal pin and several screws to reinforce a shattered fibula and (ibia. During a match in Auckland last July, Frano Botica was hit and spun by Mark Geyer, a formidable Australian forward. Normally, he would have been all right, but his right foot had lodged in a hole and he felt the bones snap like matchwood. It has taken nine months of

rehabilitation, pain. frustra-tion and longing, but Botica is ready to resume the most prodigious points-scoring career in modern rugby league. For the new Super League, it will be in Castleford's colours, at Bradford Bulls on Sunday evening, a game that the New Zealand stand-off half approaches with none of the usual apprehension of a player on his conteback from a bad break.

It just had to be Botica's right leg. Marksmanship is all about confidence and goalkicking is nothing if the player does not believe he can hit the target every time. He managed it with three of every four goal attempts. in five seasons at Wigan - an unparalleled level of consistency. His sharpshooring is reminiscent of Goran Ivanisevic's bullet service in tennis: aim. reload. fire, ace: aim, reload, fire. ace .

An arduous road to recovery will end at the first goalkicking opportunity he is presented with in the match at



been a long time in coming and I'm relishing the prospect." Botica said. "I need that first game under my belt. The leg feels stronger than ever. The kicking is coming along. I wouldn't say it's 100 per cent yet. That comes with playing regularly.

The joke at Wigan was that Botica was last into the showers and always missed the sandwiches after training. This week has followed



Botica's endless pattern of kicking, kicking and kicking again. There are no gurus, no secrets, just hard toil, as laught by Grant Fox, the New Zealand rugby union standoff, to whom he was understudy for four years. This, plus the surefire belief that, from 35-40 metres, within a wide compass of the posts, he will strike the "black dot".

Perhaps the only benefit

practice. "As part of the job description, it's got to be done, in order to keep the perceniages high. But, when the time comes to stop playing. I'll be thinking, 'thank goodness'," Botica said. Now 32, the kicking boots will be retired on



completion of the first two Super League campaigns at Castleford, the beneficiaries of his recent bad fortune. The fractured leg brought a premature halt to a season at Auckland Warriors, where he had been reunited with John Monie, the former Wigan

coach and the man who did not originally want him at Central Park, Botica had intended to return to Wigan, but that option closed due to complications which went beyond his injury. There is no doubt that his former club still misses him.

Although generally accurate, the goalkicking of Andrew Farrell and Henry Paul has only partly filled the gap. Botica switched to league with Wigan after a rendezvous

with club officials in a Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant during New Zealand's 1989 tour of Wales. It came as news to Monie, who had lined up a deal for an Australian, Phil Blake, to fill the last vacancy on Wigan's overseas register, and felt that union players beyond their midtwenties were not worth the trouble. Botica's signing almost split the club, but Monie was rapidly converted.

Debate about rugby league goalkickers is always conducted in the towering shadow of Jim Sullivan's 2,867 goals for Wigan, Wales and Great Britain between 1921 and 1946. However, Botica's rearrangement of records came in just five seasons, in which he twice beat Wigan's goals record and became the fastest player in the game to reach 1,000 points. in his 93rd match.

The 66 tries that Botica scored for Wigan tend to get overlooked. At half back, alongside Tony Smith. who has moved to his preferred position of scrum half, Castleford could prove more of a threat than a lightweight squad might at first make them appear. Instead of having to heave kicks out of the mud. summer rugby also provides Botica with a firmer

Britain fail to advertise Olympic prospects



Cullen, scorer of the first Great Britain goal, breaks away to set up another attack in the 2-0 victory over France at Bisham Abbey yesterday

Great Britain France.

BY ALLX RAMSAY

WITH two wins in two days, it may look as if Great Britain's Olympic hockey preparations are on course but, against a distinctly average France side, the British women's performances still leave room for doubt over their chances in Atlanta.

On Tuesday. Great Britain scored seven second-half goals in an S-2 victory but yesterday they were unable to pick up where they left off. Britain displayed plenty of enthusiasm in midfield but lost themselves in a mass of French feet and sticks nearer to goal. Tina Cullen broke the deadlock after

12 minutes, her effort dribbling in under Virginee Verte, the goalkeeper. That should have been the first of many, but, with 11 penalty corners paying no dividends, it was not to be,

The corner routines were designed to outwit the France defence but, such was the changeover of personnel for each set piece, the moves served only to flummox the home players, who nipped on and off the pitch as if performing a disjointed two-step.

Five minutes into the second half. Britain got their second goal, using a more direct route. Cullen found Rhona Simpson, who put her shot away to make the scoreline a little more respectable.

However, two goals against the lacklustre French does not augur well for their chances against teams such as Australia, Holland, South Korea and Argentina in Atlanta.

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### Surrey move swiftly to replace McMillan

#### BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

SURREY, still reeling after Brian McMillan's decision to pull out of his two-year contract yesterday, are urgenily

Gilbert said: "We are nedy, looking as if he had currently investigating other turned up to audition for a part in The Pirates of Penoptions and are very confident of securing a quality zance, seemed poised to put

THE blazer-and-tie brigade manager: "Come on Tony, watched aghast as Noel Kenyou're only ten shots behind". Allcock responded with typical sang-froid, putting up a succession of maximum length jacks, and dominating

The match was over, or so it seemed. To draw to within 18 inches of the ditch on a fast rink was surely too much to ask, but such was Allcock's determination to hang on to

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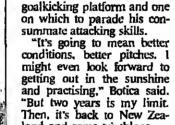
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bowler and may turn to one of the promising young bowlers who came to Eogland last year with the Australia A party. David Gilbert, the Surrey cricket manager, had had land and some triathlons ... they'll be my new challenge." talks with Andy Bichel, of Queensland, before McMillan was snapped up. But Gilbert could turn to left-arm fast bowler Mark Harrity. who impressed on the toor. The chances are, with time

seeking a replacement for the overseas the South African all-rounder. season." It is likely that whoever

They are looking for a strike Surrey sign up would be offered only a one-year contract. McMillan had to be offered a two-year deal, worth around £200,000 in total, because he had already played for Warwickshire. cricket teams will play an annual series of one-day internationals in Canada, starting this year, organisers an-nounced in Delhi yesterday. The inaugural Friendship running out before the start of Cup tournament between the the season, that talks will be two rivals will comprise five reopened with Bichel, 25, a one-day matches and take place in September.

declared for the horse was

removed at the start.

Tony Allcock, their suave hero, to the sword in the world outdoor singles bowis champ-

ionship here yesterday. Kennedy, of Hong Kong, his head swathed in a blue bandana and his checkbones smeared, Shane Warne-style, in bright blue sunblock, was about to hoist the skull and crossbones when Allcock. the defending champion, repelled all boarders.

Allcock and Kennedy had toiled to 9-9 after 11 ends, before Kennedy took control and nowered his way to a 24-15 lead after 26 ends. It was then that Allcock heard a plaintive but inspirational railying cry from Mal Hughes, his team the jack.

proceedings. For seven ends in his crown, that he found the succession, he got his bowls nearer to the jack than Kennedy, but the climax came on the 33rd end, when Allcock under-

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lined his class. Already holding game, he drew an almost unbeatable shot, inticing Kennedy to essay a desperate drive. A blistering firing shot rocketed the jack into the ditch, and, after the dust had settled, it transpired that Kennedy's toucher had landed in the ditch a mere 18 inches from

power to deliver an inchperfect bowl under intense pressure. "I didn't know whether to say run on or woah," Allcock said, "so I said nothing, and waited to see where my bowl would finish." It stopped an inch or so short of the ditch and gave Allcock the victory that should take him into the singles semifinal on Saturday. Today, all competitors in the singles take time out, but will be back in action tomorrow, when not only Allcock, but also Richard Corsie, Neil Burkett, and Kelvin Kerkow will be striving to maintain their 100 per cent records.

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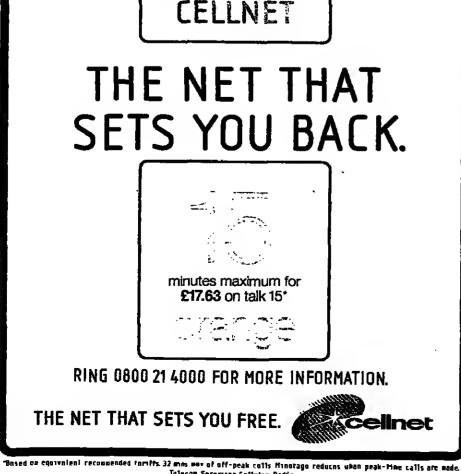
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2.45 (2mt) J. Capitalin Mammalade (J. Tate, 11-2), 2; Durhom (G-11, 3; Juliandarionvader (S-1), Alka Cyarao 94 httv. 8 ran. 11, 24-10 Thom Tote; 57:60; 51:10; 52:30; 52:20 DF: 527:40; CSF: 546:11.
3.20 (Im 21) 1. Enrant (J. Outran, 8-1); 2; Greenwich Again (7-2); 3; No Speeches (7-2); Lococolondo 3-1 hav, 6 ran 11, 33-10 Cosegrove, Tote; 57:30; 54:00; 51:80; DF: 518:50; CSF: 523:29
3.50 (Im 1, Victory Team, (R Cochrane, 4-1 lav); 2; Waskin Beach (14-1); 3; Autumn Cover (14-1) 10 ran 1; 3; G Balding, Tote; 53:30; 51:20; 64:50; 64:50; 64:50; 76:222; camed torward ho 3:45; at Ainthes today); CSF: 554:04; Tricast 2683:18; 4:20 (S1); 1; Rowlandsons Stud (Dane O'Neal, 8-1); 2; Dancing Jack (11-1); 3; Arlington Lady (Evens Eav); 8 ran, 25:1; 4); G L Moora, Tote; 51:020; 22:60; 52:70; 51:10; 52:80; 0C CSF: 573:14 Tricast 51:48:34 4:50 (Im 41); Colores (J. Outra, 4:61 ev); 2; Ready To Dine 18-1); 3; Bag Ol Tricks (9-4); Sran, 23:1; sh hd; J Eyre, Tote; 51:30; 51:10; 2:10; DF: 54:80; CSF: 56:10; 4-5 Chai-Yo, 3-1 Montandmenymaker, 6-7 Mulloy, 8-1 Song Equress, 12-1 Laur Lya, Bowles Pairol, 16-1 others 1 P-54 GOLDEN FRGEZE 12 (D.O.S.) Mrs A Bowlby 14-12-7 E James (7) 2 40-U NEW MILL HOUSE 28 (G.S) Miss S Cook 13-12-7 2 40-U NEW MILL LOUISE 28 (6.5) Miss 5 Dool, 13:12-7 3 6P- AND WHAT ELSE 12P Miss E Pring 7-12-0 D Alex-Handkey (7) 4 6032 CHEDURABMA SP (F.G.S) R Janes 9-12-0 ... Stantar (7) 5 3-62 DEPRESSMENT 33' (6.5) Miss A Ross 12-12-0 1Woldcombe (7) 6 2722 JUST INV BILL 17 (F.G.S) Riss A Ross 12-12-0 1Woldcombe (7) 7 1-01 UVMA. NOTE 17 (6.5) Miss K Head 10-12-0... C Revent (7) 7 1-01 UVMA. NOTE 17 (6.5) Miss K Head 10-12-0... A Revent (7) 9 172 MIYEAMET 15 (6.5) Miss P Centring 0-12-0... A Farrard (5) 10 433 ON ALERT 15 (6.5) Miss P Gentring 0-12-0... A Farrard (5) 12 P-2P SAVEALTD BOY 15 (F.S) R Smbh 8-12-0... B Mitcare (7) 12 24P SAVEALTD BOY 15 (F.S) R Smbh 8-12-0... S Mitcare (7) 13 241 RULL AULT ATP (6.5) Miss S Young 8-11-9 Miss 6 Young (7) 14 1-P3 LIGHT THE BAY 11P (F.S) E Wonnacott 8-11-9 Miss L Backford (7) 15 24 Note, 3-1 Myhamet, 7-1 Miss Tick 8-1 601 Am Lee Miss 41 10.1 2.45 EARLY BIRD NOVICES CHASE (£2,965: 2m 110yd) (9) 53 75. 5.10 (2m 110yd flat) 1. St Mellion Drive (D Bridgwater, 5-4 lav), 2. The Crooked Oak (20-1), 3. True Fryme (33-1), 12 ran, 6(, dist M Pipe Tote: E2:30, E1:50, E5:80, E1:3 10 DF £22:60 Tro: E1:90,40 (part won; pool of £187.74 camed forward to 3.45 at Antines today, CSF 52:96 Placepot: £118,40, Quadject: £49,00, 2-1 Mythachthorn, 5-2 Juzz, 7-2 Apl El Ani, 5-1 Caspian Beluga, 7-1 Lord Microgen, 14-1 Red is The Rose, 20-1 Seasantacamele, 25-1 others 5-2 Loyal Note, 3-1 Myhamet, 7-1 Muze Tidy, 6-1 Full Alin, Just My Bill, 10-1 Expressment, 12-1 covers. 3.20 SETSQUARE RECRUITMENT CHASE 5.00 PRIMROSE MARES ONLY HANDICAP (Handicap: £3,636; 3m) (6) HURDLE (£2,274: 2m 11) (7) Catterick Bridge Going: good to soft 220 (SI) 1. Lady Caroline Lamb (T Quan, 11-10 Iov. Private Handicapper's top Lating), 2. Montrestar (11-1), 3. General Equation (11-2) 9 ran. 2:4, 11. M Charnon, Totr: £160, £130, £200, £220 DF 2840, Tot: £200, £130, £200, £220 DF 2840, Tro: £22.70, CSF £13.73 2.50 (77) 1. Bargash (S Sanders, 10-1); 2. Mushi's Grumbia (11-2); 3. Lanykikeethugh (S0-11 Scencer's Reverge 6-4 fax, 14 an, NR: Desent Lore. MI, %1 P Evans Tote: £14.90, £240, £210, £20, 10 DF; £27 50. Tric: £260.20 (part wort; pool of £28549 carned forward to 345 at Antree today CSF: £53 72. No bid. 3.25 (71) 1. Super Benz (R Lappin, 7-1), 2. Evan ED LG 18-1), 3. Carage Pacac (7-1); 4. Paggy Spencer (9-2 fax), 16 ran. NR: Bise Bornber (9-1); 3. Perfect Bises (7-9, 11-4.00 (51). Muchae (R Hughes, 4-9 fax); 2. Red Garter (3-1); 3. Perfect Bises (7-1), 5 ran 10, 11. M Charnon Tote: £150; £1.10, E1 50 DF; £1.70 CSF; £2.22 Catterick Bridge 1 3972 DONT TELL THE WIFE 16 (D.8.S) C Egenion 10-11-10 2 POS3 DUHALLOW LODGE 12 (CD.G.S) C Barwell 9-11-10 3 242L CONKT MELODY 40 (B.S.G.S) P Matter 7-10-8 Clifford 3 3430 CERTAIN ANGLE 12 (CD.F.G.S) P Matter 7-10-4 G Tormey (3) 5 4JPP STAR CATS 31 (G.S.) N Langard 10-10-2. D Leaky 6 4216 BANNTOWN BIL 13 (V.D.F.B.S) M Php 7-10-4. R Farcast 4 Const (et Imy Mith 31 Const Making 4.3 December 30 Const 10-10-2. R Farcast Placepol: \$219.50. Quadpot: \$51.70 G Karl Burke, the trainer, is to sue Weatherbys after the Mr J L Unweilyn 5 0545 PERSISTENT GUNNER 15 (6) & Hodges 6-10-0 disqualification yesterday of 6 02-5 SIESTA TIME 257 R 0'Sufface 6-10-0 T Dascombe (5) 7 -500 SUMMER HAVEN 13 N Lampard 7-10-0 ... 0 Leany 6-4 Don't felt The Wite, 3-1 Court Melody, 4-1 Bowtown BOX, 5-1 Outraflow Lodge, 7-1 Certain Angle, 20-1 Star Cats, the Lingfield winner Northern Trial - at the centre of the 7-4 Oaty Sport Girl, 9-4 Det Raning, 7-2 Jernma Puddieduck, 5-1 Serio, 12-1 Persistant Gummer, 25-1 Sesta Time, 66-1 Suramer Haven. winner who should not have COURSE SPECIALISTS run" controversy. Burke will TRAINERS; J Old, 7 winners from 19 nonners, 36,8%; P Hobbs, 22 Iron 90, 24,4%; M Pipe, 45 from 186, 24,2%, C Egerien, 3 iron 13, 23,1%; R Brotherlos, 3 kom 22, 13,6%, JOCKEYS; G Tormey, 3 wenners from 16 rules, 16,8%; R Darite, 3 iron 21, 14,3%, J A McCarity, 3 tron 27, 11,1%; D Salter, 5 krom 46, 10,9% Only qualifiers press for compensation after 5.30 SPRING NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HUROLE (Div U: £1,912: 2m fi) (8) what he called "a catalogue of errors" ended with his horse running in and winning the Barnaby Rudge Claiming Stakes on February 22, when a Graham McCourt. the jockey, won the final visor he insisted had been

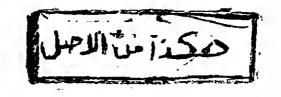
race of his career yesterday on Sister Stephanie, who prevailed by nine lengths in the Pardubice Handicap Chase at Chepstow.

7-4 The Cheven Baron, 9-4 Barristers Boy, 5-1 Marksman Sparts, 5-1 Indian Crosen, 7-1 Mr Mole, 10-1 Not Golity, 12-1 others



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### RACING 43

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### United States has clean sweep in first running of Dubai World Cup

## Cigar adds courage to list of virtues

FROM JULIAN MUSCAT IN DUBAI

Die prospect

A STUNNING duel up the home straight at Nad Al Sheba racecourse was settled only in the dying strides yesterday when Cigar inched ahead of Soul Of The Matter World Cup. It was a display of raw courage from a flawless thoroughbred.

Cigar arrived in the desert with plenty to lose. But he departs this land of paradoxes having enhanced his reputation with a below-par perfor-

#### BIG-RACE RESULT

3.00 DUBAI WORLD CUP 1£1.548.387: 1m 2t durt)

1. CIGAR (J. Bailey), 2. Soul Of The Matter (G. Stevens), 3. L'Carnere (J. Chavez) ALSO RAN Pertire (4th) Tamayaz (5th), Lively Mount (6th), Needle Gun (7th), Torrential (8th), Lanocha (9th), Danowin (10th), Hailing, 11 ran, 2:1, 81. W Mon (US) 2mm OJ 64sec.

mance. In 13 successive victories in the United States, Cigar has never been extended in the limits of his endurance. He was on this occasion, and the size of his heart more than compensated for an interrupted physical preparation in advance of this race.

Bill Mott, whose handling of Cigar has been exemplary, amplified the point in the moment of victory. "We have often wondered what would happen when a horse came up to him and looked him straight in the eye," Mott said. "Today we found out. I was counting the days he missed training through his injured foot when the other horse came at him, but he was never going to get in front. It proves how great my horse really is." So rapidly did Soul Of The Matter progress to Cigar's flanks two furlongs out that it seemed inevitable his momentum would sweep him to an improbable victory. But Cigar would not lie down. As Pentire, who tracked Cigar from the start, found the

dunder boot



Bailey shows his delight as Cigar fends off Soul Of The Matter to land the Dubai World Cup at Nad Al Sheba yesterday

intensity of the struggle beyond him, the two protagonists surged clear. Cigar wavered for a stride

or two inside the final furlong. "I actually got past him," said Halling were prevented from filling the last three places by Gary Stevens, who rode the Danewin, the Australian challenger, who finished tenth in runner-up. "It is quite some time since that happened to the field of II. Cigar but that's when he showed his personality and guis. I've never been so proud

in defeat. This \$4 million international contest proved a triumph for the United States, whose three runners filled the first three places. Pentire, repre-senting Britain, threatened briefly on the outer but faded to finish an excellent fourth. Needle Gun was seventh. But the home defence, com-

prising a quartet from Sheikh Mohammed's Godolphin stable, never made an imprescontemporaries brooks no arsion. Tamayaz performed regument, few can now dispute spectably in fifth but Torrential. Larrocha and his right to join the all-time greats. This triumph, under floodlights on an alien surface in a distant land, has secured that status. Indeed, the sixyear-old now has Citation's winning streak well within his If Cigar's domination of his sights. Winner of the Ameri-

can Triple Crown in 1948, Citation registered 16 consecutive victories Indeed, who is to say Cigar might not have won the Triple Crown had he raced on dirt in his youth? He was switched from a turf surface only 18 months ago, long after his age disqualified him from contest-

### Three more National defectors

THE smallest Grand National field for 26 years is on the cards after three more horses were almost certainly ruled out yesterday. Injury has forced the defection of Dextra Dove and Toogood To Be True, while the drying ground conditions at Aintree mean Tartan

Tyrant will probably miss the race. Their absence reduces the field to 29 - the lowest since Gay Trip beat 27 rivals in 1970. Tartan Tyrant had offered the trainer Gordon

Richards realistic bopes of registering his third National success after Lucius (1978) and Hallo Dandy (1984). But Aintree was bathed in sunshine yesterday and the going was changed to good, Richards said: "It doesn't look like Tartan Tyrant is going to run. We need some rain for him but none is forecast."

On a quiet betting day, the only notable move came for an Irish raider, Son Of War. who was cut a point to 8-1 by Ladbrokes.

side the United States.

Paulson, who owns the horse, to travel Cigar 7,000 miles from his home to a venue unproven in the international arena. But Paulson has always been blessed with an

"Even when it got tight I still ever he goes, this horse is a une champion. As long as he's horse to beat him, even there. **Debutante Days** to make amends for Triumph fall

2.00: The placed horses in the Supreme Novices' Hur-dle at Cheltenham reoppose ALL THE RACES with Speedwell Prince and

Castle Sweep both enjoying a 4lb pull with the runnerthe foot of the handican tend to prevail in this race and Tudor Fable makes considup. Kimanicky. However. with better ground on offer here and the track sure to erable appeal despite being suit. I believe the highly-regarded Kimanicky is up to out of the handicap proper. Nicky Henderson's eightwinning this. A race-fit year-old won at Newbury Shankar finished ahead of four weeks ago in the style of the selection back in the an improving horse. Toureen Prince, runner-up last year, is weighted 10 go one bener but is now 13 and Pims autumn, but was far from impressive at Ludlow last time. He still looks a danger along with the speedy Mas-Gunner is a bigger threat. ter Tribe, who will appreci-

ate this ground.

Merry Gale 12 months ago.

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hard pressed to reverse form

with third-placed Couldnt

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winner, who subsequently

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: TUDOR FABLE

(3.45 Aintree)

Next best: Kimanicky

(2.00 Aintree)

seven-year-old has disap-

pointed on both occasions he

has raced in England, in-

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danger.

4.20: Mistinguen and Hatta Breeze, second and third in the Triumph at Cheltenham, 2.35: In the race's 12-year history, eight winners had run previously in the Chelare the form picks, but those who ran well in the fourlenham Gold Cup, including year-old championship often disappoint here. Barton Bank finished fourth

Preference is for Debu tante Days, who is none the worse for her fall at the first flight at Cheltenham and had previously beaten the Triumph winner, Paddys Return, at Sandown and Edelweis Du Moulin later at Uttoxeter. Although Edelweis Du Moulin was making his hurdling debut that day, the selection is 6lb better off and can confirm the placings.

4.50: Scottish challenger Wudimp gets a narrow vote to beat England's main hope, Colonial Kelly, and the Irish contender Bally Riot (Carl Evans writes). Wudment. Egypt Mill Prince is not certain to stay and Unguided Missile is a bigger imp beat little when winning at Canerick and Newcastle, but he has an air of quality which suggests he is an improving sort. Colonial Kelly's jumping has been far from perfect this season, but 3.10: Manhattan Castle is arguably the form choice judged on his victory over Bally Riot won at Limerick the best Irish novice chasers on St Patrick's Day and was at Leopardstown in January. previously second to Kerry However, Arthur Moore's Orchid.

> 5.20; I cannot desert Treasure Again, who was unlucky not to get the Coral Cup in the stewards' room after being bumped and squeezed by Trainglot at Cheltenham. Raised just 3lb for that run. Merrita Jones's stable star will relish the return to three miles and, provided the ground does

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ħ	AINTREE	GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD	4.20 GLENLIVET ANNIVERSARY 4-Y-O NOVICES HURDLE BBC2 (Grade II: 228,424, 2m 110yd) (12 numers)	he is not the best traveller. Paddy Mullins side- stepped Cheltenham with
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	12.00 Shankar 3.45 Romany King 4.20 Debutante Davs	pulled up U - unsealed rider. B - brought Going on which harse has non (F - Drm, good is down. S - support up, A - rehisted D - time, hand 6 - good. S - suit, good to soit,	504 2F1 ELELWERS DU LADULAN 12 (D.S) (R Optimi F Muryly 11-0 P Centerry B1 505 0005 R.OW BACK 27 (V) (D Leon) 6 Emigtr 11-0	neck at Warwick last month.

enjoyed the warmth of Pisa, is open to further improveing the American classics. A that point. Cigar had registered just one victory from II starts. Now he boasts 15 from 16 outings on dirt, most in the highest class. What's more, he has exported his message out-

It required a considerable act of faith for Mott and Allen

innovative spirit. thought he would win," Paulson said of Cigar. "When healthy we'll shoot for the moon." There may not be a



### 44 SPORT

## Scotland indebted to Stillie's resistance

#### BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

SIMON DONNELLY, the Celtic forward whose goal on Tuesday night earned Scotland a place in the semi-finals of the European under-21 championship, yesterday sin-

gled out the team's goalkeeper. Derek Stillie, as playing the crucial role in the dramatic victory at Easter Road.

After Donnelly's 86th-minute strike, Hungary hurled a mass of players forward in search of a decisive away goal, creating a chance for Krisztian Lisztes that was repelled in spectacular fashion by Stillie, the Aberdeen goalkeeper. "It was probably the best save I have ever seen," Donnelly said. "They really went for it but we managed to hang on and we all owe Derek

a big thank you." The save was made all the sweeter for Stillie after his experience in the first leg in Budapest, when he was pelted with tomatoes as the home supporters celebrated a 2-1 win. Donnelly's goal on Tues-day had put Scotland 3-I ahead on the night and 4-3 up on aggregate.

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"It was the best save I've made in my career so far." Stillie said. "I had to push Scott Marshall out of the way when the player lined up the shot and thankfully [ just managed to get my hand to the ball and stop it on the line." Scotland had been made to battle all the way after Gabor Egressy had extended the visitors' first-leg advantage in the first half. That they succeeded was a testament to their determination, a quality that left their coach, Tommy Craig, almost breathless with excitement and admiration.

"Words almost fail me," he said. "I've got to say I had almost given up hope of us getting a goal when it was I-I with a few minutes to go but 1 should have known better where this team is concerned. We didn't play our most fluent football but we ground out a

result against a very good Hungary side, who hadn't lost away from home in their group. "We are in the last four for

the second time in four years and I don't see why we can't go all the way. The further you go the harder it gets obviously but this squad keeps meeting challenges."

His confidence is founded on a record that includes eight victories in their past nine championship games, the sort of form that will send them to the finals tournament --- to be held in Spain or the Czech Republic in May - in optimistic mood.

Donnelly matched Craig's enthusiasm. I don't see why we shouldn't go all the way in the tournament," he said. "We have put a tremendous run together as a squad and even when we don't play to our best, as happened against Hungary, we still seem to pull out a result.

"We certainly won't fear anyone in the last four and it is an end to the season which we will all be looking forward to. "When we made it 2-1 1 was thinking we would be going into extra time but then the

chance came along and my shot beat the keeper. Scoring a late winner to take your team through is the kind of thing you dream about and it is probably the most important goal of my career so far."

His goal came two minutes after Jim Hamilton, of Dundee, a substitute, had made the score 2-1. Lajos Szucs, the Hungary goalkeeper, had threatened to make it a frustrating night with a series of second-half saves after Christian Dailly, of Dundee United, had given Scotland hope with an equaliser just before the break.

France Under-21s qualified for both the semi-finals and the Olympic tournament by crushing Germany 4-1 in Metz.

Football memorabilia go on display in London's latest theme restaurant. Nick Szczepanik reports ation (PFA), the players' union, in

Madrid, Barcelona, Buenos Aires and Rio de Janeiro about the possibility of Football Football franchises. "This, for us, not only celebrates

football, but also gives us an income and a higher profile," Brian Marwood, the commercial director of the PFA, said. "People are happy to take money from football, but any profits from the PFA's involvement will be returned into the game at all levels — youth training, helping former players, even bailing out clubs that can't pay wages." Marwood also hopes that Football

Football will provide an overdue point of contact between players and supporters. The PFA connection should guarantee regular appearances by leading personalities from the sport.

What, then, will those supporters experience? For one thing, no parochial set-pieces celebrating Arsenal or Manchester United — or Crewe Alexandra or Rochdale, for that matter. "Football is bigger than individual clubs," Keetch said. "We won't

be selling their shirts or merchandising; we are selling a bigger concept, international and themed around the

> Nor, surprisingly, will there be live televised matches. "We are not in an American situation," Keetch said, "People there can watch events in the company of rivals and there will be no trouble. Here, things are different."

In other words, any "laddish" threat to the desired family atmosphere is definitely to be discouraged. The customer will enter through a

players' tunnel, to the roar of a canned crowd and the sound of studs. After ordering from a menu that includes dishes recommended by well-known gourmets such as Lee Sharpe and Keith Gillespie (George Best, who will be a permanent animatronic presence, endorses a cocktail), he or she will have no shortage of things to look at while waiting. Despite the absence of live cover-

age, a selection of memorable football moments will run continuously on 34 screens. and the memorabilia are aweinspiring. If Geoff Hurst's 1966 World

FOR THE RECORD

Cup winners' medal is not sufficient, then material donated by Best, Eusebio and Alfredo di Stefano sbould be.

An upstairs mezzanine dubbed "The Fifa Room" even includes the chair in which João Havelange, the president of the sport's world governing body, rubber-stamped some of the innovations that have made the game what it is today - the penalty shootout, for example, and the Diadora

The sense of a shrine to football is heightened by a stained glass window depicting the 1966 England team; Hollywood-style footprints of players

place of entertainment for the customer, casual or committed, and an enterprise to boost the PFA's finances and profile.

"The PFA says to its members: 'Here is something for all of you that you can be proud of.'," be said, Players will want to come, and will see it as a way to help to prevent the poor from going to the wall. I believe in the PFA. We want to boost the image of the soccer pro, show that footballers are willing to put something back into the game.'

### IN BRIEF White fails\* to halt decline in fortune

THE TIMES THURSDAY MARCH 28 1996

JIMMY WHITE found no release from the worst crisis of confidence in his career as he was beaten 6-3 by Ken Doherty in the first round of the Irish snooker Masters at Goffs, Co Kildare yesterday-(Phil Yates writes).

White, in serious danger of relinquishing his place in the game's top 16, was hoping to use the lucrative invitation event as a stage to find form before the Embassy world championship next month. But instead he saw Doherty threaten a whilewash as he built a 5-0 lead.

ROE SEE

(f<sup>21</sup> , 11)

### Hole truth

Golf: Bernard Gallacher, the former Ryder Cup captain, and his 18-year-old son, Jamie, were beaten in the second round of the Sunningdale, Foursomes yesterday.

The Gallachers were locked in a fluctuating match against Sunningdale members Ian Campbell and Mark Roberts that was only settled in favour of Campbell and Roberts on the last green when Jamie Gallacher saw his put hit the back of the hole.

### Botha banned

Boxing: The International Boxing Federation's decision to allow Frans Botha, of South Africa, to keep his heavyweight title after testing positive for steroids was overturned by a judge in Newark, New Jersey yesterday. The judgment also ordered that Axel Schulz, of Germany, should box Mich-ael Moorer for the title.

### Nielsen blow

Badminton: Anders Nielsen, the English national champion, seems certain to miss out on a place in the Olympic Games. Nielsen has cysts in both knees that will require an operation next month.

### Brown's feat

Athletics: Sandra Brown who last year ran from John o' Groat's to Land's End, yesterday completed 1,000 miles on a track in Australia. She took . 14 days 10 hours 27 minutes, including time for sleeping.



Customers enjoy the conviviality of Football Football, where George Cohen's 1966 World Cup final shirt adorns one of the showcases

## Dining out on a slice of nostalgia

running licensed premises? Tormer professional footballers Nothing unusual about that, surely. However, the involvement of the Professional Footballers' Associ-

turned-victualler into a wider world.

Football's answer to Planet Holly-

wood and the Hard Rock Café was

conceived when Gordon Taylor, the

chairman of the PFA, mentioned to

Bobby Keetch, the entrepreneur and former Fulham defender, that consid-erable stocks of memorabilia were

building up. What was to be done

Rejecting a static, museum-style presentation. Keetch and Terry

McQuade, formerly with Millwall, put together plans for a high-profile

food, drink and entertainment venue,

As the name suggests, Football

Football is not to be confused with

American-style sports bars. "In Amer-

ica, there are four equal sports," Keetch said. "We went for football

only, because it's our most popular

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football occasions, and so far we've

had a phenomenal response."

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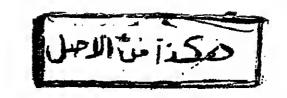
Inquiries have been received from Football Football, a new theme restaurant in Haymarket, in central London, marks the entry of the footballer-

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League's kick-in experiment.

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### First real test as new season starts to swing FROM JOHN HOPKINS

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THE American professional golf season gol underway early in Janu-ary in California and the European tour swung inin action in Singapore a few weeks later. However, starting here in Florida this morning, on a course ripped out of marshland and swamps and ruffled by winds off the Atlantic, is the first event of the year that truly unites the leading competitors from both tours. It is The Players' Championship and it is acceptable to describe it as the game's fifth must important tournament.

of stepping off the aircraft at Jacksonville airport. It reads: "The Players' Championship, The Great-Field in Golf". It is not far wide of the mark. Even after the withdrawal of Bernhard Langer, with a shoulder injury, the absence of José Marla Olažabal - about whom a decision

will be made today as to whether he plays next week in Atlanta and in the US Masters the week after and the absence of a couple of other leading players, the field comprises more than 40 of the world's leading 50 competitors, including six of the Europe and II of the US Ryder Cup teams. They are competing for a first prize of E420,000 and a purse of A sign greets you within moments £2.3m, the largest on the US tour.

Costantino Rocca and Sam Torcance are two of Europe's debutants challenging for the ritle won by Lee Janzen in 1995, and Torrance won himself some more friends when he himself some more friends when he told a reporter in a local newspaper: "This [event] is huge in Europe. When you get 46 of the top 50 in the Sony rankings in one place, it's a very impressive field. I've never been invited, so t was very thrilled when they asked me to play here the user " this year.

If you had been on the practice ground, or the driving range, as they call it out here, on Monday, you would have seen a broad-shouldered, bearded man whaling away with a series of different drivers and sending the ball enormous dis-

tances. Meet Sandy Lyle. His hirsuite state was a result of chickenpox, which he contracted recently from one of his children, and, to combat this debilitating illness, he has been undergoing vitamin injections.

Lyle is competing in his eleventh Players' Championship and, as he has only twice before completed the full four rounds - and on one of those two occasions he won the title - it can be said that he wins every other time that he bears the halfway guillotine. "I was absolutely zapped." Lyle said, referring to the chickenpox "but I'm getting better all the time." It would be hard for Colim Montements to get much better at

Montgomerie to get much better at

the moment. After a three-month layoff, he won in Dubai recently with a total of 18 under par. Then he took a week off before arriving here on Sunday.

It being his first visit to the United States this year, the new, slimline Montgomerie received some search-ing questions about his recent weight loss. He admitted that ne now weighed 210lb [ISst] but then became coy when asked what he had been. "More," he adminted finally.

Montgomerie is awash with confidence as he begins a run of four successive events in the United States, which includes the Journament on Hilton Head island in the week after the Masters. "I am as

confident as I have ever been," he said. "I am very happy with what is going on. There is nothing wrong with my game at all. It is as good as

it ever was, if not better." With other players, such state-ments might be seen as hubris: however, with Montgomerie, they are pretty accurate. Just how accurate remains to be seen. His best finish in this tournament to date was ninth equal, in 1994. Barry Lane is one of the more

unfortunate absentees from proceedings this week. He had to abort his trip here when he hurt his back while picking up his luggage on his return to Britain after finishing fourth in the Portuguese Open on Sunday night.

Agassi finds rhythm in Americans' march of progress BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

SPORT 45

THE stars and stripes flew proudly in Key Biscayne, Florida, yesterday as the United States quartet of Pete Sampras. Andre Agassi. Jim Courier and Michael Chang marched into the quarterfinals of the Lipton tennis championships.

Sampras, playing close to his best form, bear Todd Martin, his compatriot, 6-3. 6-4 while Agassi, having struggled in his first two matches, found his rhythm in a 6-4, 6-4 defeat of Sebastien Lareau, of Canada.

"This is the best match I've played in a couple of weeks now," Sampras, who knows victory here would enable him to reclaim the world No 1 ranking so recently yielded to Thomas Muster, said,

Agassi, despite seeing t4 aces whistle past him, managed to break service three times. largely thanks to a significant improvement in his baseline play. His own service appeared to be in good order as he sent down four

Asked how it felt to record a comparatively rare straight-sets victory. Agassi's reply dripped sarcasm. "It's kind of a surprise, huh? Feels good," he said. He added, more routinely: "It was nice to get up in the second set and close it out, But I still don't feel I'm hitting every shot with 100 per cent commitment."

The star-spangled banner was, however, ruffled as Courier made hard work of beating Michael Tebhutt, of Australia, 3-6, 6-4, 7-5 and Chang struggled before edging past Petr Korda, of the Czech Republic, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3. The four established United States players will be joined in the quarter-finals by two lesser-known compatriots, Michael Joyce and Vince Spadea, who accounted for, respectively, Marc Rosset. of Switzerland, and Richard Krajicek, of Holland, Goran Ivanisevic, of Croatia, and Arnaud Boetsch, of France, complete the last eight.

In the women's event, Steffi Graf, beat Kimiko Date, of Japan, 7-6, 6-3 to reach the

### Roe sees need to move mountains

#### FROM MELWEBB IN MADEIRA

FROM the ruins of a 1995 season that saw Mark Roe slide helplessly out of control in the lowest point of his professional golf career, and also reach the low-water mark in his personal life, came one huge consolation. His appearance in the Madeira Island Open, which starts at Santo da Serra here today, is his last before he makes his first appearance in the Masters in two weeks.

Roe admitted only recently that the break-up of his marriage had led him seriously to contemplate suicide. On the course he was guilty of some wildly aberrant behaviour and was disciplined by the PGA European Tour. Always an extrovert and lively character, he was on the brink of becoming an ill-balanced corentric.

Yet in the midst of all that was crumbling about him, he managed to pull himself round and finish thirteenth in the US Open at Shinnecock Hills, making him the bestplaced Briton in the championship. It was that performance that has earned him a place at Augusta; but although delighted to be invited, the niggling feeling within a head that sometimes seems to process a million thoughts a second is that he does not deserve the honour.

"I was 126th in the order of negit in the midst of all my troubles last year," he said. I'm looking forward to going.

but I know within my own mind that I deserve it a lot less than when I finished ninth in the money-list in 1994. "That only the winner of the Open Championship gets in while the top t5 in the US Open are invited secms utterly

ridiculous to me," Roe would do well to mind what he says about the men who run the Masters. The good ol' boys down in Georgia do not take kindly to criticism,

no matter how wellintentioned. Roe will take with him a new driver, a huge metalheaded job that has only 6.5 of loft — "my puter's got more loft than that," he joked. He also bears with him to Augusta the advice and encouragement of one Severiano

Ballesteros. Seve saw me practising in Dubai and told me to stand up more to the ball," he said. "He told me that I was a feel player and that's what I should rely on. Coming from the greatest feel player of all time, that was quite something."

Meanwhile, there is the small matter of the next four days to be negotiated over a course that climbs and swoops through dramatically hilly terrain more than 2,000 feet above sea level. Roe claimed, tongue firmly

in cheek, to like the layout. It's probably the best course Chris Bonington's ever de-signed." Whatever else, he has obviously not lost his sense of



### Webb wonders at rapid rise to top

### FROM PATRICIA DAVIES IN RANCHO MIRAGE

AUSTRALIAN'S need not despair that the Sri Lanka has cornered the cricket market. One consolation is that golf is now one of Australia's sporting strengths - Greg Nor-man is the men's world No I and another Queenslander, a 21-year old rookie, has taken to the US Ladies' Professional Golf Association (LPGA) Tour

like a platypus to water. Karrie Webb, the Weetabix Women's Open champion, olays in her first official major championship when the 25th Nabisco Dinah Shore starts today at Mission Hills country club here in California. Paired with Annika Sorenstam, No1 in America and Europe last season, and Patty Sheehan, a member of the LPGA's exclusive Hall of Fame, Webb might even be a little nervous.

She might also be a little cross, for the woman who leads the United States money-list is just a raw rookie here. As a new girl, she has so little status that she merited a place in only one of the two. star-studded pro-ams that preceded the championship and the powers-that-be put her out on the Arnold Palmer course, not the Dinah Shore Tournament course, the one that matters. If that is not an insult, it certainly ranks as thoughtlessness verging on discourtesy.

Not that much seems to bother Webb. Last week, playing with Beth Daniel and

names in the game, in the first round of the Standard Register Ping event in Phoenix, the composed Australian admitted to being "really nervous on the tsi tee - for the first time in a while on Thursday." It did not show. Webh strode on to finish fourth behind Laura Davies, with Daniel tied for 24th and King missiog the cut.

Nerveless is more the Webb style, striding the fairways with the look of a champion. She was rookie of the year on the American Express tour in Europe last season and showed no signs of inexperience as she won the Open. It did not look like a fluke. Webb gave another indica-

tion of her strength of character when she went through the LPGA qualifying school there are no exceptions even for the British champion with a cracked booe in her arm, but even she has been surprised by her speedy start In the United States. In five events, she has finished second, first - she won the Healthsouth Inaugural in a play-off — second, seventh

and fourth. She tops the mooey-list with \$241,638 (around £160,000) she won more than £90,000 in Europe last year.

However. Webh keeps her ambitions modest: "At this stage I'm still just looking to finish in the top 20 on the

money-list." Barring another broken arm, there should be

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**SPORTS LETTERS** 

### Centre of rugby excellence

From the Headmaster of **Colston's Collegiate School** Sir. Your report on the Daily Mail under-18 rugby cup final (Sport in Schools, March 25) raised the question of sports scholarships. Colston's Collegiate won a

fairly contested final 20-0 and played in a manner which should give heart to all England rugby supporters. The boys have spent a great deal of time practising their skills and have gelled into an effective unit thanks to the inspired coaching of Alan Martinovic and Andy Robinson.

Of those who played in the final, four pupils joined the sixth form from maintained schools which do nut have sixth forms. Four others joined from local maintained schools, who play much less rugby than boys at Colston's are lucky enough to experi-ence. The remainder of the team was composed of pupils who have come through the school in the normal way. Jonathan Pritchard and Jo-

seph Ewens, who have been selected to play for England against Scotland, were in the lower school, which admits children from the age of three The boys who joined us in

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the sixth form did so because they wanted to come to a

centre of rugby excellence. They had to fulfil the academic criteria for the sixth form, and those who came from homes where there was not enough income to cover the whole of the school fees were either awarded a Government Assisted Place or a school bursary. We do not offer sports scholarships, which would, anyway, be awarded regard-

less of parental income. The Headmaster of QEGS Wakefield is quoted as saying that he favours all-rounders. The pupils in Colston's first XV are like any other group of people of their age. Anyone who saw the immense amount of work put in by some of them on the stage, or backstage, at

the last school play or ob-served the quality of some of their art work, amongst other things, could not have failed to appreciate that they had more than one talent. As has been observed by others, the southern hemisphere is not afraid of winning and the English like nothing better than trying to deny the successful the credit that is rightly theirs.

Yours sincerely, DAVID CRAWFORD, Headmaster. Colston's Collegiate School. Stapleton, Bristol, Avon.

### Eyes on the ball in Sri Lanka

From Mr J. Garner thought that here were the makings of fine cricketers. Sir, While on vacation in Sri I offer two thoughts: Eng-lish boys are proficient at am-azingly fast finger reactions to two-dimensional video games Lanka, I watched its cricket side on television achieve a convincing win over England in the World Cup. Between overs I looked out but lack the timing of an eye used to three-dimensional acof the hotel window and saw boys and girls aged from about five to 18 playing cricket like English boys used to in tivity: we do not have all-weather surfaces in our parks to replace the street games we used to enjoy before the motor the park. There could be 15 to car put a stop to them. 20 youngsters fielding to one Yours faithfully. batsman at one wicket. J. GARNER, I was impressed by the ability of the children to time 44 Ladman Road, and middle the ball and Bristol 14, Avon.

players, including Rob Subbiani, who this season Unfair comments played for the Barbarians. From Mr Steven Hill I resent the charge of nepo-Sir, It was with much surprise tism. Since I have been coach and some anger that I read the the first team has always been picked on ability. Junior should also remember that, comments of the new London Broncos signing, Junior Paul, about Askeans RFC (report, even after he made himself March 26). When he came to unavailable to play rugby, he was allowed to use, free of charge, the weight-training facilities at Askeans. This does Askeans he was very inexperienced and we were happy to help him in learning about rugby. He undoubtedly had not reflect the comment that his face did not fit. much potential but due to work and study he did not Yours sincerely, STEVE HILL (ist XV coach. train regularly and was not always available on Satur-days. At that time, in Junior's Askeans RFC 1991-96), chosen position of wing, we possessed three Kent county 20 Glynde Road, Bexleyheath, Kent.

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SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

#### BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

here are many situations on which you must have done your homework to be able to perform effectively at the table. When you hold Q x of trumps, it is almost never correct to cover when the declarer leads the jack through you towards the king or ace-generally speaking, when that happens, the declarer's trumps are strong enough for him to overtake when you do not cover. What about Q 9? That can be different.

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In this hand. Cap Volmac pairs, South showed a balanced hand of +K9 about 14 points with four clubs. With this information, North propelled his side into Six Clubs. Zia Mahmood (with Michael Rosenberg, the winner of the event) led the South (the declarer) leads the ten (better than a low one, jack of diamonds; after considwhich gains only against sinerable thought, the declarer won in hand and led the jack gleton king with West; the ten gains against all K9 x x hold-ings with West). If West plays the nine, the defence will have of clubs. Zia played the nine, and that was the end of the no tricks in the suit. If West As Zia said afterwards, once

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puts in the king, declarer may the declarer, missing the nine, decide to play East for 9 x x x. leads the jack, it is certain that D For details of The Times he is going to run it. So, Zia should have covered. Declarer Midland Private Banking National Bridge challenge, wins the ace of clubs and leads contact the event organisers on 0181-942 9506 or write to: small back to his hand. When East follows low, it is best to Britannic Building, Beverley play the seven, and now the Way, New Malden, Surrey, KT3 4PH or fax to: 0181-942 defence get two club tricks. The time to work out that it is 9569 right to cover the jack is when you are having a bath - not when it is under your nose. C Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Here is another defensive Sport and in the Weekend

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#### WORD-WATCHING

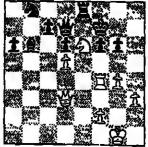
#### By Philip Howard

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a. The King's shilling b. An attacking formation
c. The rearguard
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White to play. This position is from the game Alekhine - Consulting Partners, Antwerp, 1923. The key

to this position is White's fantasti knight on co. Although he is a

piece down, he now forced a quick conclusion thanks to the great

strength of this piece. Can you see

#### **SPORT / RADIO** 46

## When beef tea was king among stimulants

hould beef tea be a banned substance? A century or so ago, and long before the days of BSE, beef tea was the stimulant of choice for the mad keen sportsman - often taken in great quantities on the run from an invalid feeding cup, like a small gravy boat with a long, thin spout.

It was reckoned by some to be even more effective than other stimulants then on offer - including morphine, strychnine and belladonna. You could take what you liked in those days - and it was your lookout if you put your life in danger.

Ever since the games of the ancient Greek Olympics, competitors have been prepared to try anything, and risk any health hazard, to steal the competitive edge. Artificial aids to excellence are back in the headlines this week with the news that Diane Modahl has won her battle to clear her name from drug charges. From much of the reaction to the decision by the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) to drop the case against the 1990 Commonwealth 800 metres champion, you would think that drug-testing had been dealt a terminal blow.

Certainly, the reliability of the drug-testing programme has been questioned, and the IAAF is understandably furious with the apparent incompetence of the Lisbon doping officials who allowed Modahl's urine sample to degenerate -- the basis of her defence; but the setback for drugtesting should really be quite minor. For, when you cut through all the technicalities of the costly defence that led to the case against the athlete being dropped, the problem and its solution seem very simple - get more fridges.

Modahl's lawyers say that the extraordinarily high level of testosterone in her urine could have come from bacteria in the samples. To back their claim, their formidable scientific team produced the findings of a controversial experiment which showed that testosterone levels could rise dramatically in samples taken from females immediately after exercise, if they were not properly stored. The samples taken in Lisbon spent two nights and a hot summer's day unrefrigerated before they were analysed. According to the New Scientist,

others have not been as successful at reproducing the findings. It reports that Christine Ayotte, of the International Olympic Committee-accredited laboratory in Montreal, has looked at many poorly-stored urine samples over the past five years. "I



can swear to you that we have never observed the formation of testosterone." she said.

Others have been puzzled because none of the other seven samples in the same batch - all from different athletes - had become so contaminated that they showed this sort of result. They had all been stored in the same unrefrigerated conditions. Nor had this phenomenon been observed or remarked on before. Urine samples are often kept and moved around without the benefit of a fridge and, in view of the Modahl case, it is unlikely that this is the last time the "degraded sample" defence will be seen.

Team Modahl fielded a formidable line-up of lawyers, doctors and scientists and, in today's highlyauthorities must expect athletes to be able to mobilise sophisticated, expensive defence squads. They have been used before - in the cases of John Ngugi, of Kenya, Butch Reynolds, of the United States, and Katrin Krabbe, of Germany.

Many challenge suspensions and do not win. Diane Modahi challenged and won. She has been declared innocent and clear to compete in the Olympic Games this summer, if she makes it. Good for her. If she puts the same determination into her track work as she and her team did into clearing her name, she could yet turn out to be a world-beater.

In athletics, and in other sports, there is need not only for greater urgency in testing - but also for greater efficiency and more glasnost. With the latest testing apparatus being used at the Olympic Games, that should happen, but, the greater the detection rate, the longer will be the queue of those ready to challenge

the findings. Modahl, who is planning to sue the IAAF and the British Athletic Federation for "financial loss" and "psychological damage", has given the sport an expensive lesson in basic housekeeping. The only way that the ruling

professionalised world of sport, the bodies are going to close loopholes in the drug-testing procedure is to expose them and shut them down. The war against drug cheats in sport is a long and sad one, but the battles must go on.

One of the great ironies of the drug saga is that not only are many of the banned substances highly dangerous, but also that many experts doubt whether they really do anything to enhance performance anyway. Yet, as long as there have been athletes, there have been those willing to risk even life itself for the taste of victory.

n turn-of-the-century Britain, the top coach was Harry Andrews, trainer to Alfred Shrubb - then the greatest distancerunner in the world. In his training manual, published in 1903 and endorsed by Oxo, Andrews confessed that he had tried everything from "a tumbler of champagne" to cocaine.

"Strychnine in lozenge form is also used," Andrews said. "I tried this once on a man during a bad time, and it had no effect at all. So 1 reverted to hot beef tea, and got my man home all right."

Beef tea? Now that really does sound life-threatening.

JOHN BRYANT

## Home-grown terrorists

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RADIO CHOICE

Soundtrack: Unnatural Family Ties. Radio 4, 7.20pm.

The ties are unnatural because they are of a violent nature. Often, the intensity of the violence beggars belief. Jill Burridge's documentary painfully records three cases in which mothers are at the receiving end of a child's aggression. Nicky. IS, has threatened his mother with carving knives, and punched and kicked her. He has smashed windows and ripped up carpets. Mike, in his twenties, threatened to set fire to his mother with a cigarette-lighter because she refused him set tire to his mother with a cigarette-upiter occases are related him the money that he needed to buy drink and drugs. Counselling and medication have had a beneficial effect. Unnatural Family Ties should help to persuade many other traumatised mothers that not all alleys are necessarily blind.

The Holy Virgin of Chernobyl. Radio 3, 8.05pm.

David Zane Mairowitz has written, and Struan Rodger reads, this David Zane Mairowitz has written, and Struan Rodger reads, this enigmatic story about what the text describes as the failure of pure reason. A milkman, a midwife and three children unquestioningly accept that the woman sitting alop a defunct tower at the notivious Ukrainian nuclear reactor is the Virgin Mary. She knits a sweater, and sets sparks flying as she combs her hair. She has some digging to do, a task which, in that dead zone, has considerable symbolic significance. The scentical view is that the expansion is an illusive significance. The sceptical view is that the apparition is an illusion, a smattering of errant atomic particles. Clearly, the faith versus rationality debate did not end at Lourdes. Peter Davaile

#### WORLD SERVICE

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## Fitting foundation for Senna's legacy

Oliver Holt sees a dedicated sister bring hope to the slums of São Paulo

PERHAPS it is the malnutrition that racks their bodies or the after-effects of the drugs that have warped their minds. For others, it is just wishful thinking. Whatever their reasons, when they see the vision dressed in white from top to toe among them, the poor that she visits in some of Brazil's most miserable slums think Ayrton Senna lives still. Viviane Senna, 39, the eldest

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sister of the late three-times world motor racing champion, thinks it, too, sometimes. She sits in her office on the tenth floor of the tower block her brother built in Santana, a northern suburb of São Paulo, fielding call after call from people begging for help from the Senna Foundation, of which she is president, encirled by images of the racing driver who is still revered here.

"Wherever I go, I seem to be surrounded by pictures of him," she said. "That part is okay. But it is difficult for me to see images of him on television in action. It is too real, like he is alive again. It is too emotional for me. But this work that I do now has allowed me to see that out of tragedy good things can come.

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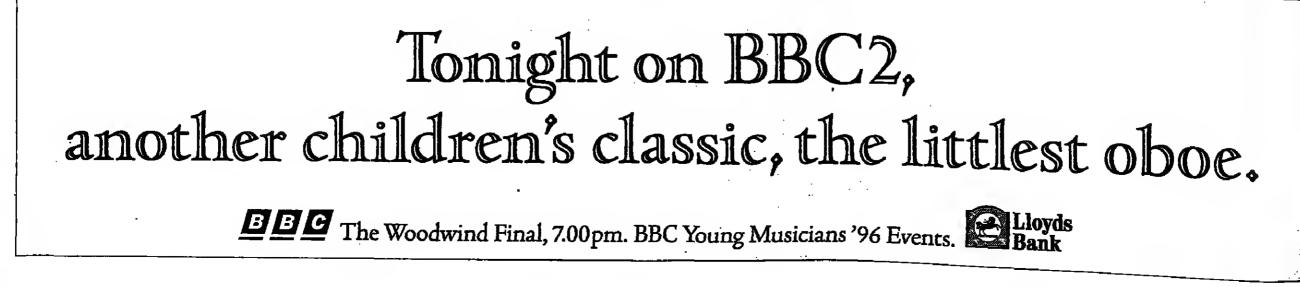
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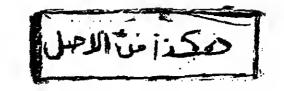
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ere on Sunday, the race that As she drives through the	usual. Her husband was	spicing the prospect of study	Jocimar, one of the best play-	Viviane makes sure she has	(Romance in A)	Virgin of Chernobyl. See	
sed to be an annual celebra- city towards the university	killed last month in a road	with the promise of a whole	ers in two teams of children.	an intimate knowledge of ev-	(Romance In A) 12.00 Composer of the Week:	Choice 8.25 Shostakovich	
on of the brilliance of her where one of the foundation's	accident. He was riding a	morning or afternoon playing	Jocimar, 13, lives in a nearby	ery project the foundation	Rubbra, with Roderic Dunnett. 1.00pm Airs and Affections.	(Symphony No 12, the Year 1917)	
rother, who was killed in a first projects is based, armed	Ducati motorbike, one of a	sport. The result is an almost	favella.	finances. Even though the	Nicholas Anderson introduces	9.20 Young Poets. W . N .Herbert	
rash during the San Marino bodyguards following in a car	limited edition carrying Sen-	fairy-tale picture of happiness,	He gets to the university	foundation was her brother's	highlights from late-Baroque	9.30 Intersections	
rand Prix at Imola in May behind, products of the vogue	na's signature and used to	groups of girls and boys aged	every day with bus tickets	idea, she is quite clearly the	2.00 Schools Radio Showcase	10.15 Haydn. String Quartel in F, Op 77 No 2	
994. This week the memories for kidnapping, she apologises	raise money for the	between ten and 16 playing	provided by the foundation.	driving force behind it. She	2.00 Schools Radio Showcase 2.05 In the News 2.25	10.45 Night Waves, includes a	
		handball and basketball, gig-	his nutrition and his dentistry	knows where each and every	Something to Think About	review of the English National	
re more vivid. if she is less cheerful than	foundation.		is taken care of by	cent has gone. A bare mini-	2.40 Music Workshop	Ballet's Giselle	
·····	When she walks through	gling when their		mum is spent on bureaucracy.	3.00 Bernstein. Prelude, Fugue	11.30-12.30am The BBC Orchestras. The BBC	
	the campus, though, an oasis		the foundation.	And here, in Jocimar's hut, is	and Riffs. 3.10 Made for TV. Six-Five Special	Philhamonic under Yan	
WORD-WATCHING	of green in the concrete jungle	so disconcertingly 'Ou	and he is educated	And here, in Jocimar's nut, is	3.15 The BBC Orchestras. The	Pascal Tortelier, Hindemith	
	of South America's most popu-	like her brother.	with its money.	the proof of the pudding, the	BBC National Orchestra of	(Ragtime, Suite: Nobilissima-	
nswers from page 45	lous city, her sadness lifts.	stops to watch. trag	edy, When the game is	kind of poverty the foundation	Wales under Tadaaki Otaka	visione; Cello Concerto)	
UARREL	Here, in the gymnasiums and	tens of mousands	over, viviane	is giving children a chance to	10 million and 10 million		
A short stout square-headed bolt or arrow used in the crossbow. From	on the football fields alongside	applied for the 500 go	od drives the short	escape.	BAD	010 4	
ne Old French quarel, Late Latin quadrellus, the diminutive of quadrus,	the athletics track where Sen-	places on otter.	distance to the	Outside, a crowd has gath-			
square. So a quarrel can also mean a square or lozenge, a small square	na used to train, a happy	The one objec- can	come' wooden shack	ered. "Sometimes, because	5.55am Shipping (LW only) 6.00 News; Weather 6.10 Farming	8.00 Six O'Clock News 6.30 Darling You Were	
diamond-shaped tile, or a similarly shaped pane of glass.	legacy is taking shape.	tive of the founda-	where he lives	Ayrton has gone," she said,	Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day	Marvellous. Sandi Toksvig	
ACHICOLATION	Some of the \$2 million	tion is to give	with his parents	"the people in the slums	Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today incl 7.00, 7.30,	hosts the improvised	
) A hole or holes in the overhanging floors of a castle or other defended	(about £1.3 million) the foun-	children opportunities, to give	and three brothers. Water	confuse our images in their	1 8.00, 8.30 News 7.25, 8.25	entertainment show	
uilding, through which boiling oil was poured or rocks dropped on nwary attackers. No period historical film is satisfactory without the	dation has raised this year	them a chance," she said.	runs down the narrow streets	minds. They transfer all their	Sport 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.40 Yesterday in	7.00 News 7.05 The Archers	
nwary attackers. No period historical film is satisfactory without the	through the sale of prints,	"Playing team sport teaches	amid the rubble and the	affection on to me. They mix	Parliament 8.58 Weather	7.20 Soundtrack. See Choice 8.00 Analysis: Russian Roulette.	
efenders dropping such death from on high on those manning the attening ram.	Senna watches, Senna power-	them things they need for life	chunks of pottery. Hens peck	us up. He was the only hero	8.00 News 9.05 The Moral Maze	Ngatre Woods asks where	
ESTUDO	boats, Senna pens, Senna	in this country. It gets them	among the rubbish, tiny child-	they ever had and they still	10.00-10.30 News; Pankhiraj (FM	power now lies in Russia	
b) The Roman defence against missiles and primitive machicolation. The	mountain bikes, Senna motor-	used to obeying rules, to fitting	ren run into one-room houses,	want him back."	only) First of a four-part	8.45 Stranger than Fiction.	
gions linked shields and beld them over their heads to form a solid, slow.	bikes and the Senninha, or	in with hierarchies, and it	youths lounge outside make-	As she reverses away, the	comedy by Tanika Gupta (r) 10.00 Daily Service (LW only) 10.15 This Sceptrd Isle (LW only)	Metvyn Bragg describes how his changing relationship with	
morseless protected approach to an enemy defensive position. Really	"little Senna", a cartoon im-	gives them medium and short-	shift bars under corrugated-	bodyguards looking on ner-	10.15 This Sceptr'd Isle (LW only)	his changing relationship with the Gospel reflects	
tore like a giant armoured millipede than a testudo or tortoise.	age, has been carefully chan-	term goals. In the slums, the	iron roofs. Jocimar takes us	vously from another car, she	10.30 Woman's Holtr	developments in his taith (5/6) 9.00 Does He Take Sugar? 8.30 Kaleidoscope (r) 9.59	
ORVUS	nelled into a project designed	favellas, if they want food,	down a narrow alley and into	spots a sign scrawled on the	11.30 From Our Correspondent 12.00 News; You and Yours	9.00 Does He Take Sugar?	
) A beaked battering-ram, from the Latin corvus a raven. Mainly used	to keep poor children off the	they just go and get it some-	his family's home, past his	front bumper of a white Volks-	12.25pm Looking Forward to the Past, with Paul Bosteng, MP	Weather	
y the Roman navy, either as a grappling-hook or as a hinged spiked	streets, away from the clutches	how. There is no sense of long-	father and four friends play-	wagen van selling fruit and	Past, with Paul Boateng, MP	Weather 10.00 The World Tonighi	
lank in the bows of a warship. The corvus was also used by the army as a	of drugs and prostitution, and	term aims."	ing dominoes and into a	vegetables which is blocking	12.55 Weather 1.00 The World at One	10.45 Cinema 100: Book at	1
attering-ram.	the gangs of thugs hired to	When Viviane reaches the	spartan room, where a	the way out. "I am not the	1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55	Bedtime. Picnic at Hanging Bock (9(10) (r)	
	murder them.	football pitch, she becomes	battered picture of the	owner of the world," it says,	Shipping Forecast 2.00 News; One Moonilt Night	Rock (9/10) (r) 11.00 George Melly'a Owning Up. Comedy and jazz on the road	
SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE	Viviane Senna's idea was to	more animated. She points out	Last Supper hangs on the	"but I am a son of the world."	2.00 News; One Moonilt Night by Caradog Prichard. A Welsh	Comedy and jazz on the road	
Rxf6+! Kxf6 (1, Kg8; 2, Rxg6+ is swiftly decisive); 2, Qc3+ Ke7;	entice them into school by	a small, blond-haired boy,	wall.	Viviane Senna smiles.	language classic translated	in the 1950s (1/3) 11.30-12.00 Utopia and Other	
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## Absence makes the heart grow acceptable

Hearts of Gold IBBCII erows a title less. As another 12 months pass in which I have done nothing good and certainly nothing heroic, my admiration for the gallant hand who have increases once again. But let me he clear - this twin-track transformation is gradual, very gradual At current rates, I calculate that I won't start really enjoying this sickly sweet celebratinn of good deeds until 1 am 147 years old. Esther Rantzen, t feel certain, will still be around wearing something imprudently short and cerise. She was similarly equipped last

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night, as she kicked olf the series where equal helpings of admira-tion and nausea have become very much the norm. But there was nuthing "norm" about the way h began. Having swapped her suit for a pair of generously cut plastic over-irousers. Ranizen appeared tar

be engaged in an unspeakable act with a gentleman in a golf bunker. All tutally intlocent - pause for laughter - we were assured, practising her swing don'tcha know, but those of us reared on a diet of cheap laughs at the expense of misshapen vegetables knew better. My how we laughed.

And my how La Ranizen was enjoying herself. She wiggled her bottom playfully and begged imploringly: "Once mure, once more?" Our gallant, unsuspecting, life-saving, lorry driver (for it was he) bravely stepped furward and assumed the position again. Now this was brave, may heroic stuff. I was about to rush forward and pin a small piece of blue ribbon with a linte gold heart on him myself.

Then suddenly I remembered -this wasn't the heroic act, this was the ruse - the ruse which no selfrespecting light entertainment show (This is Your Life, Surprise Surprise and anything with Jere-

my Beadle or Noel Edmonds) is currently without. "Have you heard of a programme called *Hearts of Gold?*" asked Rantzen at regular intervals. "No," I should, "just say no." But each time the herole victim's response was the same - a shrug, a baleful look skyward and a weary "yes". Gotcha, I believe is the technical term.

S ome of the ruses were hid-eoutly complicated, which allowed Carol Smillie (wearing something fashionably kneelength and sky blue) to step smugly forward and say "this was not as easy as it sounds" at similarly regular intervals. It also led to me spending several minmes under the impression that it was Mr Mouvator who had spent three months in a coma. What an awful thought.



sofa, those whose lives had been saved sit on the other. The result is an awful los of emotion. The heroes are all modesty, horribly embarrassed by the fuss. Those they rescued are all gratitude and enormous smiles. The means may be manipulative, the programme may be 15 minutes too long, but 1 dely anyone not to be moved by the sight of two burly forry-drivers long as they keep serving up the excruciating bits in-between 1 think I can hold out for another another knucklehead (I mean condecade or seven.

If the Mr UK competition did not exist, then it would not be long before a producer from Modern Times (BBC2) came along and invented it. On paper it looked perfect, a sign uf our egalitarian, role-reversed times - lots of brunzed male bodies parading in front of drooling, cheering women. In reality, as producer Helena Appio discovered, it was definitely

a sock or two short of a well-filled thong. "What are they going to do?" asked a disbelieving and biner Ann Sidney (Miss World 1964). "Prance down the planks in Gstrings?" Yup, that was pretty much it - which leh Appiu with a lot of time to fill.

Round and round she went in ever diminishing interviews --knucklehead, Sidney, Eric Morley.

testant, not organiser), Frank War-ren, Judith Chalmers, But it's a reliable rule of documentary-making thumb that when the interviewce talking must sense is Michael Winner, you know you are in trouble.

ppio's efforts to fill the gaps between the defiantly ungay and frankly uninterest-ing badinage of the contestants merely served as a reminder that there were better documentaries to be made. What happens to former Miss Worlds, for instance, ur the life and times of the incredible and indestructible Morleys.

For the former she was half-way there already, with a well chosen trio of beauty queens - the cynical Sidney, the wise and wonderful Reita Powell (Miss World 1966) and game for a laugh former Miss Puerto Rico (Miss World 1975). "It channed manhately my life = cai

the winsome Wilnelia. She was right - she married Bruce Fursyth.

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For anyone thinking of tackling the Morley story, here is a tip. Eric badly needs a pair of mid-calf socks. He may know a well-turned ankte when he sees one, but as last night's interviews revealed he certainly does not possess them.

Finally, Pete McCarthy brought Travelog (Channel 4) to a close with the sort of "hnliday" I could identify with. He was ill, he was miserable and he was reluctantly hopping around Laos in an elderly Russian helicopter. But unlike me in such situations, he had not quite lost his sense of humour. Afflicted with both bronchitis and Luan Prabang belly, he ventured bravely forth in a motorised rickshaw, or tuk-tuk - "named after the cough it induces in passengers as they ingest large quantities of road". A heart of gold is already on

6.00am Business Breakfast (57490):		CHOICE			A GAN E-A
<ul> <li>7.00 BBC Breakfast News (Ceelax) (3445);</li> <li>7.00 BBC Breakfast News (Ceelax) (3445);</li> <li>9.00 News Extra (Crelax) (6571119) 9.20 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (3) (2907515) 9.45 Kilroy (s) (5714770) 10.30 Good Moming (s) (24515)</li> <li>12.00 News (Ceelax) and weather (2859935)</li> <li>12.05pm Movie Magic (1) (5271577) 12.30 Going for a Song (s) (62157)</li> <li>1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceelax) and weather (44848)</li> <li>1.30 Regional News and weather (25712747)</li> <li>1.40 Neighbours (Ceelax) (s) (94492393) 2.00 Pebble MUI (s) (7580374)</li> <li>2.55 Racing from Aintrea. Live covarage of the 3.10 and 3.45 races. The 4.20 (ace is on BBC2 (s) (9183577)</li> <li>4.00 The Morph Files (s) (4408225) 4.10 Highlander (Ceelax) (s) (5734157) 4.35 The Genie from Down Under (Ceelax) (s) (2564664) 5.00 Newsround (Ceelax) (s) (3313916) 5.10 Grange Hill (Ceelax) (s) (192364)</li> <li>5.35 Neighbours (n) (Ceetax) (s) (5154167)</li> <li>6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceelax) and weather (799)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>6.00am Open University: Stressed Matanals (933)5961 6.25 Miles of Aisles (9318003) 6.50 A New Role for Men (6528461)</li> <li>7.15 See Hear Breaktast News (Ceolax and signangi (1428/51) 7.30 Stingray (I) (Ceelax) (55954) 8.00 Blue Peter (I) (Ceelax) (55954) 8.00 Blue Peter (I) (Ceelax) (s) (5141596) 8.25 Tates of the Tooth Fairles (I) (1469645) 8.30 Puppydog Tetes (I) (9546732) 8.40 The Record (6759867)</li> <li>9.05 Daytime on Two: Seeing Through Science (2984664) 9.30 Lamexpress (9829206) 9.45 Over the Moon (9817461) 10.000 Playdays (4259683) 10.25 Storytime (2469792) 10.45 Teaching Today (956080) 11.15 In Uving Memory (6745312) N.I.: 11.15 Ulster in Focus 11.35 Landmarks (Ceefax) (838648) N.I.: 11.55-12.12pm Study lieland 12.00 Techno (6319729) 12.15pm Clementine (9897867) 12.30 Working Lunch (60799) 1.00 Uleschool (25456585) 1.25 Technology Starters (48217683] 1.40 Numbertime (s) (94490935)</li> <li>2.00 Tates of the Tooth Fairles (r) (4478618) 2.10 Philbert the Frog (r) (4476119) 2.10 Philbert the Frog (r)</li> </ul>	3D ITV, 7.30pm Two former Church of England priests have gone freelance and the Church is not pleased. The Rev Jonathan Blake charges an hourly rate for bapisms, weddings and funerals, promotes himself in a glossy hrochure and advertises in Vogue. He is happy to marry divorced people, gay couples and even atheists. Like Blake, the Rev Sturge Artiss left the Church after his marriage broke up. Like Blake, he insists he is still a priest, though his bishop says he has no nore authority than a struck-off doctor. Unabashed, Artiss continues to conduct baptisms and marriages, waiving a fee and suggesting only a voluntary donation. His charges for funerals are below the usual rate. The Church accuses him of undercuring it. He says he is promoting privatisation. Whether these mavericks are unique or part of a wider trend is not revealed. Africa Express Chonnel 4, 8,00pm South Africa may be under black majority rule but the white mercenary is still in business. The programme highlights the	<ul> <li>6.00am GMTV (3203436)</li> <li>9.25 Win, Lose or Draw (s) (2982206)</li> <li>9.55 Regional Nows (Teletext) (4236732)</li> <li>10.00 The Time the Pisce (s) (8448645)</li> <li>10.35 This Morning, Magazine (98407119)</li> <li>12.20 Regional News (Teletext) (2854119)</li> <li>12.30 News and weather (Teletext) (7631886)</li> <li>12.55 Shortland Street (s) (76 (6577)</li> <li>1.25 Coronation Street (l) (Teletext) (1576288)</li> <li>2.00 Home and Away (Teletext) (s) (30573461)</li> <li>2.25 Chain Letters (Teletext) (s) (30592596)</li> <li>2.50 Vanessa (Teletext) (s) (4188393)</li> <li>3.20 News headthers (Teletext) (s) (30592596)</li> <li>2.50 Vanessa (Teletext) (s) (430592596)</li> <li>2.50 Vanessa (Teletext) (s) (30592596)</li> <li>3.30 The Riddlers (i) (5554596) 3.40 Wizadora (r) (s) (2552751) 3.50 Rupert (6764119) 4.15 Mike and Angeto (r) (s) (8880265) 4.40 Reboot (l (Teletext) (s) (1387515)</li> <li>5.10 A Country Practice (s) (9450867)</li> <li>5.40 News and weather (Teletext) (403867)</li> </ul>	As HTV WEST except: 6.25pm-7.00 Wales Tonight (101374) 7.30-8.00 Wales This Week (913) 10.40 Strangely Scientific (304577) 11.15-11.40 3-D (960732) WESTCOUNTRY As HTV West except: 12.55 Emmerdale (7616577) 1.25-1.55 Chain Letters Word game with Vince Henderson (20406080) 1.55 Home and Away (42073003) 2.25 Vanessa (30553849) 2.55-3.20 A Country Practice (3035515) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (9450867) 6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (32916) 10.40 The West at Work (100634) 11.10 Short Story Cinema (229913) 11.45 Prisoner Cell Block H (350916) CENTRAL - As HTV West except:	<ul> <li>6.35am The Adventures of T-Rex (r) (6530664)</li> <li>7.00 The Big Breakfast (67792)</li> <li>9.00 Fifteen to One General knowledge quargame (r) (Telefext) (s) (73472)</li> <li>9.30 Schools: Middle English (9814374)</li> <li>9.45 The Way Things Go (5983790)</li> <li>10.05 Scientific Eye (1274041) 10.25 Geographical Eye Over Asia (2059080)</li> <li>10.45 Quest (3077515) 11.00 History In Action: Hypotheticals (674225) 11.20 French Programme (6568157) 11.40 The German Programme (4123577)</li> <li>12.00 House to House (27596)</li> <li>12.30pm Sesame Street (69409) 1.30 Hullaballoo and Chigley (r) (s) (7953206)</li> <li>2.05 FiLM: Enchantment (1948, b/W) with David Niven and Evelyn Keyes, A romantic drama directed by Irving Reis. (Teletext) (113886)</li> <li>4.00 Jimmy's (r) (Teletext) (s) (916) 5.00 Rickt Lake(Teletext) (s) (9193) 5.45 Terrytoons (777954)</li> <li>6.00 NBA 2477, Basketbal) - (ndiana Pacers)</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>6.30 Regional News magazines (751)</li> <li>7.00 Top of the Pops (Ceetax) (s) (3867)</li> <li>7.30 EastEnders, Nigel spots an inituder. (Ceetax) (s) (935)</li> <li>8.00 Wildlife on One. Most people regard hippopolamuses affectionately, con- certaine them is the (art furthering Data)</li> </ul>	2.15 Racing from Aintree (8157190) 3.00 News (Ceelax) (6542521) 3.05 Weatminster (Ceelax) (6415916) 3.55 News (Ceelax) (4732206) 4.00 Racing (7095190) 4.45 Today's the Day s) (840136) 5.15 The Oprah Wintrey Show (Ceelax) (s)	activities of Executive Outcomes, a company based in Pretoria. It has been active in Angola and Sierra Leone, sending "military advisers" to support the government side in the civil war. The company says it is promoting stability in these countries, but the South African authorities want to curtail	<ul> <li>6.00 Home and Away ((r) (Teleted) (s) (502190)</li> <li>6.25 HTV News (Teletext) (101374)</li> <li>7.00 Emmendale. Nick hits rock bottom, and the Dingle tamily get ready for liheir mother's return (Teletext) (s) (8935)</li> </ul>	12.55pm Home and Away (7616577) 1.25 Chain Letters (20406080) 1.55 A Country Practice (94406596) 2.20 Vanessa (30584577) 2.50-3.20 High Road (4188393) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (9450867)	<ul> <li>v San Antonio Spurs (s) (409)</li> <li>6.30 Roseanne. Roseanne suffers from pregnancy jitters (r) (Teletext) (s) (461)</li> <li>7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) (503003)</li> <li>7.50 The Stot (339866)</li> <li>8.00 Charte Africa Express. (Teletext) (s) (525)</li> </ul>
sidering them to be fat and fethargic. But in reality they are ferocous, intre-tonne creatures, leared even by crocodiles Narrated by David Attenbrorough (Ceefax) (6) (2515) 8.30 Auntile's Sporting Bloomers, Terry Wogan looks at the trials and tributations of sporting personalities. Joining him fonight are Gary Lineker and the hard man of rugby union, Mick "The Munch" Stonner Plus there's a tribute to Murray Walker, the man of many catter (1)	<ul> <li>(3536799)</li> <li>5.55 Global Warning: Death on the Danube. How man's misuse has changed the River Danube forever (239732)</li> <li>6.00 Star Trak: Deep Space Nine (Ceetax) (s) (312393)</li> <li>6.45 The O Zone (s) (949867)</li> <li>7.00 Young Musiclans 96, National Woodwind Final (s) (3119)</li> </ul>	Its activities. The second report comes from Eritrea, which is trying to persuade s traditionally meat-cating population to switch to fish, of which there is plenty off the Red Sea coast. The Eritreans are unenthusiastic. The final film shows how interest from the West has sparked a revival of Zimbabwe's important indigenous musical instrument, the mbira. Repotations: Mahammad Ali BBCC 2000pm		6.25 Central News and Weather (527409) 6.55-7.00 Life Line (473409) 10.40 Film: The Woman Who Sinned (1991). A tiniler starting Susan Lucci, directed by Michael Switzer (98820374) 2.35am Shift (3628946) 3.30 Customs Classified (8796813) 4.15 Profile (86623639) 4.30 Jobfinder (7792610) 5.20 Astan Eye (8609233)	

8.00 Public Eye: Beyond the Drug Wars. lan Hargreaves, Editor-designate of the New Statesman, looks at approaches to drug abuse (Ceetax) (5747) 8.30 Top Gear. Jeremy Clarkson test-drives : group of amphibious cars (Ceetax) (s) (9664)

But, three times a night, order is restured. Those who have done the life-saving sit on une side of the

- Walker, the man of many gattes (1) (Ceelas) (s) (1022)
- 9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceelax), legional
- news and weather (2732) 9.30 Absolutely Fabulous. Edina has an Isolation tank shipped in from Los Angeles (1) (Ceelax) (s) (42393). WALES: Veek In, Week Out Special
- 10.00 Crimewatch UK. Nick Ross and Jill Dando learn up with the police to try to solve crimes with help from viewers (359867)
- 10.45 Question Time. Topical debale from London chared by David Dimbleby. The guests are Anne McElvoy, deputy editor of The Speciator, and MPs Tony Newton, Margaret Beckett and Menzies Campbell (Ceelax) (162022) WALES: 10.45 The Slale 11.25 Question Time 12.25am Crimewarch UK Update 12.35-2.10 FILM Agnes of God
- 11.45 Crimewatch UK Update (Ceelax) (s) (363190)
- 11.55 FILM: Agnes of God (1985) A newborn baby is found strangled in the cell of a novice nun who professes ignorance of how or why. With Jane Fonda, Anne Bancroft and Meg Tilly Directed by Norman Jewison (Ceelax) (s) (891634) 1.30am Weather (3164469)

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Muhammad All in action (9.00pm)

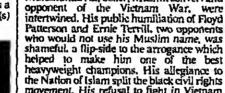
9.00 CHOKE Reputations: Muhammad Boxer? (Ceelas) (s) (2003)

10.00 Whatever Happened to the Likely Lads? More miditie comedy adventures for Geordie boys Rodney Bewes and James Bolam (1) (Ceelax) (33157)

10.30 Newsnight (Ceelax) (227995) 11.15 Late Review (s) (643138) WALES: 11.15 Wates 2006 - the Agenda

12.00 The Midnight Hour (s) (41271)

12.30-7.15am The Learning Zone



BBC2. 9.00pm

the Nation of Islam split the black civil rights movement. His refusal to fight in Vietnam was unappreciated by black soldiers who served there, as well as losing him three of his prime boxing years. For Ali, sport and collicit multipolitics could not be separated, however much admirers of his sleek and livent ringcraft wished they could have been.

Unlike other programmes in this series, this one offers no new slant or theory. What it

does is to show how the various sides of

Muhammad Ali, boxer, Muslim convert and

#### Undercover Britain: Football Toots Channel 4, 9.00pm

A football fan, Gary Thompson, takes his hidden camera to Manchester United's ground, Old Trafford, and discovers touts elling Ell scats for El80. After the Taylor inquiry into the Hillsborough disaster, touting was made a criminal offence. Thompson's report suggests that the law is no deterrent. Even when olfenders are charged, the fines are laughably small when a profitable week can net £2,000. The By posing as a tout Thompson is able to penetrate to the heart of the business and talk to the big operators. He does not, however, manage to track down the sources of the tideor which are building of the invitible of the tickets, which are believed to lie within the club, But when he approaches United he gets a terse "no comment" from the club's Peter Waymark



The Rev Jonathan Blake (7.30pm)

7.30 3-D. Investigating the growing trend of freekance prests (s) (913)

8.00 The Bill. Beech savours the moment when Grieg finds himself lacing a charge of police brutality after a raid on burgtar's house (Teletaxt) (7683) 8.30 Blues and Twos: India Juliet. On patrol

with the coastguard's Lee-on-Solent search-and-rescue (Teletext) (s) (6190) helicopter 9.00 Taggart. In the second of a three-part

story, Jardine and Reid find themselves investigating a second gay murder, which is complicated by Stuart Fraser's concealment of his involvement with Andy Swanney Starring James Macpherson and Blythe Duft (Teletext) (s) (9157)

10,00 News and weather (Teletext) (20683) 10.30 Regional News (269515) 10.40 Getaways. Holiday ideas from around

the region and lurther alield (Teletext) (100634) 11.10 On the Line. Ken Rees hosts a live

discussion of a topical issue (626886) 11.40 Prisoner Cell Block H (279698) 12.40 Cernal Knowledge (3757875) 1.40 Not Fade Away. Gary Numan's video

choice (s) (6321964) 2.40 Shift (2105165) 4.30 State & Loud (1) (5) (7243691) 4.30 The Time . . the Place (1) (5) (76542) 5.00 Garden Calendar (28417) 5.30 Morning News (46726)

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1.25 Home and Away (20406080)

1.55 Shortland Street (94406596)

2.50-3.20 Surprise Chefs (4188393)

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Bill and Ted's Bogus Journey (22643206) 12.15am Dispatches (6988558) 1.00 Close

6.00 Meridian Tonight (867)

8,30-7,00 Grass Roots (119)

12.40am Phoentx (3757875)

5.00 Freescreen (28417)

2.20 Vanessa (30584577)

MERIDIAN 12.55pm Chain Letters (7616577)



Getting to grips with food (8.30pm)

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8.30 Food File. Hugh Feamley-Whittingstall proposes the culinary virtues of wild boar (Teletext) (s) (4732)

9.00 CHOICE Undercover (Teletext) (8770) 9.30 Annie's Bar. Will Dashwood vote against

the Government and force the minister's resignation? (Teletext) (s) (35003) 10.00 NYPD Blue. The squad investigates

gang-related murders on a basketball court (Teletext) (s) (625193)

10.55 Whose Line is it Anyway? (1) (Teletext) (s) (855686)

1.30 Get Up, Stand Up (r) (Teletext) (s) (19664)

12.00 Dispatches (r). (Teletext) (40639) 1.00am Sybil. Concluding this lact-based drama about a woman who developed 16 personalities and the psychiatrist who probed her psyche. With Sally Field and Joanne Woodward (n) (824252)

2.35 FILM: Three On a Match (1932, b/w) starring Joan Blondell, Ann Ovorak and Bette Davis. A drama about three women who have been Iriends since schooldays. one of whom talls in with a bad for (Lyle Talboti. With Humphrey Bogart in his kirst gangster role. Directed by Mervyn Le Roy (6839959) Ends at 3.55

4.00 Schools: Geographical Eye Over Asia (88962). Ends at 5.00

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#### SKY MOVIES



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6.00mm Just Around the Corner (1939) (5047190) 7.15 Little Miss Broadway (1938) (8950-800 8.30 Freddie as FRO7 (1992) (82138) 18.00 The Big Game (1995) (87364480; 11.50 Breekout (1994) SKY SPORTS

2.00am Sty Sports Centre (34409) 7.30 Racing News (13916) 8.00 Work/ Wrenting Foderation Superstans (23577) 8.00 Aerobics Oz Style (35654) 9.30 Still Sating (72683) 10.00 Grass Root Rugby (85374) 10.30 Inade the PGA Tour (31848) 11.00 Roller Hockey (22554) 12.00 Aerobics Oz Style (55425) 12.30pm Informational Foot-ball England v Bulgaria (67003) 2.30 Still Sating (7722) 3.00 Food Scorpic Golt USA — Live (349885) 8.00 Sky Sports Centra (8451) 6.30 Netbustons (2041) 7.00 Scrool-boy Football, Scottend v England (14655) (1995) (87365480) 11.50 Breakout (1984) (813935) 1.00pm Stand Up and Cheer (1894) (1282770) 2.15 You'ra Nover Too Young (1985) (523374) 4.00 Proddia as (1903) (25664) 8.00 Wind Dancer (1993) (25664) 8.00 Major Langus II (1994) (7259022) 9.45 The Morie Show (24066) 10.15 Trapped in Space (1994) (2414) 10.15 Trapped in Space (1994) (2414) 10.15 Trapped in Space (1994) (2414) 10.15 Trapped in Space (1994) (24161) 1.150 Night Eyes II (1991) (201461) 1.150 Night Eyes II (1991) (2931) (423707) 3.10-5.00 Periodice (1993) (423707) 3.10-5.00 Periodice (1993) (15173320) boy Football, Scotland v England (14645) 9,00 Boots in All (59645) 18.00 Sky Sports

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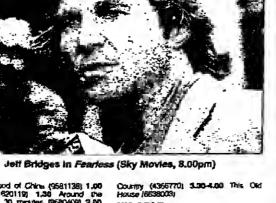
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### **RACING 43** VICTORIOUS CIGAR TAKEN THE DISTANCE IN DUBAI

Laboratory =

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By JOHN GOODBODY

THE Lisbon laboratory at the centre of the controversy over Diane Modahl's drug test yesterday defended its han-dling of the British runner's

urine sample. Professor Les-seps Reys, the scientific direc-tor, said the laboratory had

rigorously followed regula-

tions and was always avail-

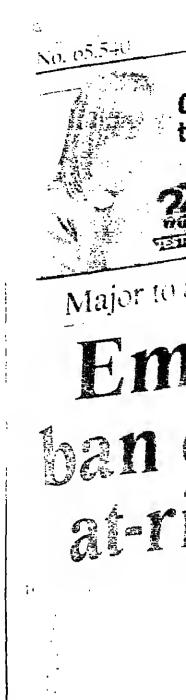
He was speaking after Modahl had been cleared on

Modahi had been cleared on Monday by the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) of any offence after failing a drugs test in Portugal

in June 1994. The LAAF council expressed

"serious concern" over the way the Lisbon laboratory dealt with Modahl's sample

able to clear up the truth".



and crincised officials for re-fusing a third test, which "could have provided a final resolution of this matter". However, Reys said that accredited laboratories are required only to conduct a test on the A sample and countertest on the B sample.

He said: "Under regulations, a third test, which was not foreseen, would have required a resealing of the sample in proper conditions. This resealing was not solicit-ed by any of the experts present at the counter-test, including those representing

the athlete." He confirmed that the re-mainder of the B sample was not sufficient in quantity for a further test and added that the laboratory would offer it for further scientific investigation but not for a third analysis. It was only after the second test had confirmed the exceptional testosterone-epitestos terone (T/E) ratio that the two hearings of the British Athleic

Federation (BAF) were held At the second of these, Modahl's advisers convinced the BAF panel that, because the sample had become contaminated after being left unrefrigerated after collection, the T/E ratio had been altered.

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### Illegal approach verdict upheld



#### BY DAVID MADDOCK

MANCHESTER UNITED have failed in their appeal against a fine of £20,000 imposed last month, when they were found guilty of an illegal approach to David Brown, a 16-year-old player who was on schoolboy forms with Oldham Athletic. The original decision was upheld by a Football Association appeals panel yesterday and United were ordered to pay further costs.

It is a decision that has angered the club and Maurice Watkins, a Manchester United director and the club's solicitor, has called for an overhaul of the rules. His demand is likely to be met, with the FA Premier League revealing plans last night to review the statutes concerning young players. Changes could be made within the next two months.

Watkins believes that the rules are too ambiguous and he argued that the FA's verdict that United were guilty of poaching could not be made with any conviction. "The FA representative at the appeal said the same thing as we did," Watkins said. "He ar-gued he had no alternative but to apply the rule to the letter, but admitted the rule was ambiguous, and hoped it would be clarified."

Watkins based his appeal on the fact that Brown had already turned down an offer of terms from Oldham, long before Manchester United

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made their approach. It was, he said, a clear indication that the rules needed changing. There is absolutely no suggestion of any wrongdoing by United, aod yet we have been found guilty. There is a lacuna within the rules which pre-vents the player from talking to other clubs, even when he doesn't want to stay with his original club. "We now believe that the

rules should be clarified because they are a mess. We hope that will be done within the next few months." A spokesman for the FA confirmed that the rules will be examined by the Premier

League and are likely to be amended. Judged under the proposed redrafted regula-tions, United would have been innocent

spending under Jack Walker, the club's benefactor, beyond the £40 million mark when they agreed a £1 million transfer fee for Gary Croft, the Grimsby Town left back. Croft, an England Under-21 international, travelled to Ewood Park for talks yesterday and will complete his move this morning. Croft worked with Ray Harford, the Blackburn manager, while he was on international duty.

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said.

Blackburn Rovers took their

tial fee of £150,000. The 19year-old has not yet completed a full season in the Endsleigh Insurance League with the London club. Preston North End have agreed to pay a club record fee of £200,000 for Gary Bennett, the Tranmere Rovers forward.

Faustino Asprilla, the Newcastle United striker, was yesterday named in the Colombia team to play Bolivia in Medellin today after apologising to Hernan Dario Gomez, the coach, for arriving nine hours late at the side's headquarters. Asprilla said he was delayed for family reasons.

Bournemouth face a winding-up order brought by the Customs and Excise over an unpaid VAT bill of almost £200,000. The second division club, already around £2 mil-lion in debt, has to find the money by Monday. Ken Gardiner, the Bournemouth chairman, said vesterday: "This is not lifethreatening but it is a problem we shall need to overcome. I cannot see us selling a player before the transfer deadline [today], so it looks like we shall sit as a board of directors on Friday to discuss other ways of sorting this out. But arrangements are in hand to solve the

problem."

Alan Shearer, who was forced to withdraw from the England squad to face Bulgar-ia last night because of a groin injury, is expected to return to action for Blackburn on Saturday. Shearer's swift return will allay fears that the injury has put in doubt his prospects of appearing in the European championship. "We certainly don't see it as a long-term problem," Tony Parks, the Blackburn assistant manager, Gary Pallister, however, is unlikely to play again this season. That could jeopardise the Manchester United central defender's chance of appearing for England in the finals in Bolton Wanderers have signed Scott Taylor, the Millwall forward, for an ini-

No 741 in association with **BRITISH MIDLAND** 

Andre Agassi, seen here during his straight-sets win over the Canadian, Sebastien Lareau, at the Lipton championships in Florida yesterday, called for the world tennis schedule to be reduced from the present 83 events over 48 weeks to give players a break. He said that the pressure was becoming too intense and suggested that that the season might close after the US Open in September. "We don't have an off season," the

world No 3 added. "It makes no sense." Agassi's plea was supported by his countrymen, Pete Sampras, the world No 2, and Jim Courier. All three, together with Michael Chang, chose to drop out of the United States' Davis Cup tie in April, blaming schedule pressure. "There are too many tourna-ments," Agassi said. "If you add the Davis Cup, it becomes Americans on song, page 45 too much."

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A third, different, test would have settled whether the high level of testosterone had been caused by the build-up of bacteria or from an illicit elevation of testosterone. Anne Chagnaud, the French long-distance swimmer, has had a two-year suspension for a positive drugs test overturned on appeal. Chagnaud tested positive for etilphrine in January 1995.

### **Dunhill Cup may switch to July**

of the uncertainty of the weather so late in

the year, and also to attract more of the

the links' administrators, the Internation-

#### BY A CORRESPONDENT

ST ANDREWS, perhaps the most famous golf course in the world, could be about to lose the Alfred Dunhill Cup unless the event is switched from its

The world's leading international team competition - n is Europe's richest tournament after the Open Champion-

Dunhill, wants to move it from its traditional October slot to July as from 1997. There is concern that unless St Andrews Links Trust agrees, the event this autumn could be the last in St Andrews. It is no secret that the sponsor has been

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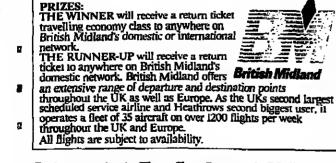
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Nicky James, the trust general manag-

world's leading players. future, so we have to decide whether the The last three-year contract ended on the eve of the 1995 event, although a oneswitch of dates is acceptable." Last October, the Dunhill Cup attracted year deal was eventually agreed between around 35,000 spectators, but that figure

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tor, said yesterday that because of the cold al Management Group, Dunhill and the weather in October "it was getting European tour to hold the tournament increasingly difficult to get the star from October 10 to 13 this year. However, players". it was seen only as buying time until a Leading players may, however, regard

the event as a distraction as they build up for the Open, which is traditionally held the third week in July.

er, said yesterday: "We have been told

that the tournament will be held in July in

could easily be trebled if the event were

Peter German, the tournament direc-

### Kiriakov finds spies in the camp

o many in Britain, espe-cially those with long Russell Kempson on undercover efforts memories, Bulgaria is to help a Bulgarian into the Premiership no more than a distant land

son-tipped umbrellas - to be hawk his wares - himself to the highest bidder. Kiriakov, like self-respecting footballers the world over. Bulgarian abroad, still, conwants to play in England. "He is small but very agile,"

meetings in the dead of night, a sort of James Bondski a source from Sofia said. "He without the pretty female is a personal marker, you know? He is exceptional." Ilian Kiriakov, 28, is no Apparently, he upset Paul shady East European, bear-Gascoigne, the England and ing brochures of water-pistols Rangers midfield player. when he played against him "I have other things as well, trust me" - and promises of a for Anorthosis Farnagusta, his good deal as long as the club in Cyprus, in the prelimipayment is in dollars. nary round of the European Kiriakov is a professional Cup this season.

footballer and was in Eng-Kiriakov's credentials are land this week with Bulgaria impressive, mildly. He played for their international match in Bulgaria, for CSKA Sofia, and Spain, for Deportivo La He has, though, a colourful background. Not quite spy-Coruña and Merida, before settling in Cyprus and has won 51 international caps.

thriller status, perhaps, but with sufficient intrigue to Times are hard, though, monitor closely his progress. and Anorthosis are trying to He is over bere, primarily, to cash in on their most market-

able asset, preferably before the transfer deadline today for FA Carling Premiership clubs. Thus, Paul Lenas, Kiriakov's Greek agent, who is based in Watford, naturally, is moving with stealth and speed.

"I think the fee we are looking for is around £1 million," Lenas said."I have approached several Premiership clubs, officially, of course, and they have expressed interest."

Yet who are these mystery clubs? A mole in Sofia suggested Wimbledon, Rangers - the Glasgow variety - or Real Betis, of Spain. "Not the big clubs in the Premiership, more middle of the range," Lenas said. "Not Rangers, but Celtic once showed an interest."

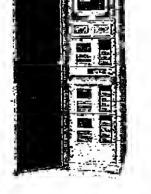
What about Queens Park Rangers? "I think they are out

of money," he said. Wimble-don? "It is a matter of financing. They would probably have to sell Dean Holdsworth first." Who is it, then? "I am talking to a manager tonight. Then I will know more."

Mole II, in England, later revealed that Sheffield Wednesday, Aston Villa and Wolverhampton Wanderers could be nearer the mark. With two Yugoslavs, a Belgian and a Dutchman in his ranks, David Pleat, the Wednesday manager, is not averse to imported talent.

Bulgarians in English footbail have not enjoyed the best of success this season. Bobby Mikhailov, the Reading goalkeeper, and Bontcho Guentchev, the Luton Town striker, are engaged in relegation struggles in the Endsleigh Insurance League first division. Perhaps Kiriakov should look elsewhere for future employment, Anybody know a good umbrella shop?





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